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Senate to hold public hearings on alien workers' improved status

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REPORTER

The Senate will be holding public hearings to gauge the CNMI residents' opinion on the U.S. Department of the Interior's recommendations to improve the status of some 20,000 foreign workers in the CNMI, and expects to have recommendations within 90 days.

Senate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota) said yesterday that the conduct of public hearings on the issue is part of their testimony to the U.S. House Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans

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Pay cuts for 28 Rota employees

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Twenty-eight Rota Health Center employees who signed a petition in May to have resident director Crispin Ayuyu removed from his post were placed on "absence without leave" for an hour and the pay cuts will be reflected in their paycheck today.

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ALL SET
A boy is dwarfed by the octopus ride on the grounds of the Liberation Day carnival at the Garapan Fishing Base yesterday afternoon. The Liberation Day festivities, which include rides, games, food and merchandise booths, and live song and dance performances, will officially start at 6pm tonight, and will run until July 4.

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CUC scrambles to avert weekend outages

» Reduces fuel order, splits $300K for Saipan power plants

Muña

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To avert power outages this weekend, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. reduced its fuel order and split the central government's partial payment of $300,000 to purchase fuel for the power plants on Saipan.

CUC needs to pay $1.5 million today to pay for fuel for the three islands—Tinian, Rota, and Saipan's Power Plans 1 and 4. However, as of 3pm yesterday, CUC was expecting to get just $300,000.

"We're still waiting for the advice on the $300,000 to be deposited to the

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Rota nurses get partial payment of June wage

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Acting Rota Mayor George Hocog distributed yesterday checks to 11 Rota Health Center nurses and auxiliary staff totaling some $16,000, supposedly as advanced payments for June but this amount covers only the hourly $4.55 minimum wage and not their complete

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Local

Docomo to donate 1,000 caps to Neighborhood Watch group

By DENCIO MANGLONA
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Members of the Village Neighborhood Watch Task Force will be sporting new caps during the July 4 Liberation Day parade, thanks to a generous donation from Docomo Pacific.

Docomo Pacific will be donating 1,000 caps featuring the Village Neighborhood Watch logo for the task force's Liberation Day education and recruitment drive. The hats will be distributed at the parade and amongst Village Watch members.

The logo features the "Village Neighborhood Watch" text accompanied by a wandering eye, sending out a message "aimed at two groups of people: the good guys and the bad guys. We're letting people know that the people in the community are going to keep an eye out for one another and that the bad guys better think twice about causing trouble," according to a Saipan Municipal Council member.

The Village Neighborhood Watch is the brainchild of the Saipan Municipal Council and has been active in recent months in an attempt to become a more visible presence in the community. There are plans for the Village Watch float to lead the Liberation Day parade.

The Council is also making the community more whole in other ways. According to council chair Ramon B. Camacho, they will be aiding juveniles held at the Kagman Detention Facility by starting a community garden.

"The garden will help juveniles transition more successfully into the community after being incarcerated," said Camacho after a council meeting yesterday. "

He described the community garden as good opportunity for the youths to "use their hands" to learn a practical skill. He said produce from the garden could be sold at the Sabulu market or at another venue to fund community projects or help maintain the detention facility.

Liberation Day festivities kick off tonight

Hundreds of community members and spectators are expected to grace the kickoff ceremony tonight for the monthlong Liberation Day festivities that will run through July 4 at the Garapan Fishing Base.

Jonas Barcinas, overall Liberation committee chairman, said the celebration will start at 6pm at Garapan Fishing Base, with Saipan Mayor Donald Flores set to welcome the crowd.

The event will be keynoted by Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan and highlighted by the presentation of the 10 candidates for the 2010 Liberation Queen.

Even without the traditional fireworks display, Barcinas assured a spectacular start to the occasion, with special performances, festival rides, and food offerings expected to cheer the crowd tonight. More attractions will be featured in the following nights such as games, bingos, and casino games.

"We're just waiting for the approval and permit…and we're ready to go," he said.

Some competitions are also scheduled throughout the one-month celebration such as the battle of the bands and the Polynesian Night battle. Guest performers from Hawaii and Guam are also slated to join the festival.

Barcinas said great prizes await winners of the nightly raffle drawings.

To ensure the safety of the crowd, personnel from the Department of Public Safety and Department of Public Health will be on standby at the festival grounds.

On July 4, the celebration will be capped by the traditional parade of floats and the crowning of the Liberation Queen and Royal Court.

This year's celebration marks the 56th celebration of the liberation of Camp Susupe. ***(Moneth Deposa)***

Workers set up the Ferris wheel in preparation for today's start of the Liberation Day festivities at the Garapan Fishing Base.
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Govt ordered to pay 30 pct. employer contribution rate

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The central government is expected to pay a new employer's contribution rate to the NMI Retirement Fund beginning November this year, based on a mandated solution issued by the court.

Tony Muña, head of the government's negotiating panel, disclosed that the current 20 percent contribution rate will be bumped up to 30 percent. He said the new rate was recommended for enforcement if both teams fail to identify or reach a solution on the payment plans.

The court had determined in June last year that the central government owes the Fund over $231 million in unpaid contributions. Pursuant to the same court judgment, the administration was ordered to increase its contribution rate from 11 percent to 20 percent rate. The central government began paying the 20 percent contribution rate and other mandated taxes to the Fund in November 2009.

Muna said the decision relating to the 30 percent employer contribution rate was made during the last case hearing.

But with the government's current financial distress, Muna said the 30 percent rate will not be easy to follow. The government expects revenue to reach just $132 million next fiscal year,

Muña believes the employer contribution rate is really irrelevant in the process at present because the number of members in the defined benefit plan is shrinking.

When asked if the government could afford the 30 percent court-mandated solution, Muña said: "I am not going to answer that because that's being speculative. It's really rolling up our sleeves and making it happen."

He said both the Fitial administration and Fund teams are constantly communicating on how to identify long-term solutions to the problem.

Muna said each party should have a clear picture of the real challenges and situation of the government in order to come up with better options.

"The court order says 30 percent rate…but my preference is to find the solution and present it to court. In that solution, it may be 30 percent or more. There's a need to substantiate and justify that [the money] would be there," said Muña.

The Fund board of trustees and the administration had wanted to float a $200-million bond to pay for the government's debt with the Fund. However, this was not acted upon by the last Legislature.

The Fund had over 6,500 members as of January this year. More than half of these—or 3,651—are active employees who are still contributing into the plan. The rest are receiving retirement benefits and claims under the plan, totaling 2,933. A total of 2,144 are listed as retirees while surviving spouses total 517.

Panel backs Schrack as Finance chief

The Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations has recommended to the full Senate that Robert "Bob" A. Schrack's appointment as Finance secretary be confirmed.

Sen. Francisco Q. Cruz (R-Tinian), chairman of the committee, said the panel took into account all written and oral testimonies during the public hearing on Schrack's appointment, as well as his credentials, work experience and other relevant issues, to come up with the recommendation.

""We are convinced beyond a doubt that Mr. Schrack possesses the necessary qualifications and leadership skills necessary to serve as secretary of the Department of Finance," Cruz and the other committee members said in a letter to Senate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota).

The Senate has yet to schedule a special session as of yesterday.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial appointed Schrack as Finance secretary on April 6, and the Senate EAGI Committee held a public hearing on the nomination on May 19. Schrack received overwhelming support to his nomination during the pubic hearing.

Schrack has worked for the CNMI Department of Finance for 15 years under four different governors: Froilan C. Tenorio, Pedro P. Tenorio, Juan N. Babauta, and now Gov. Benigno R. Fitial.

Since 1995, Schrack has been special assistant to the secretary of Finance, a post previously served by now Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

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Babauta announces re-opening of US Virgin Islands field office

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas Tony Babauta announced this week the re-establishment of the U.S. Virgin Islands field office. The re-organization of the federal government in 1995 closed the Office of Insular Affairs' field office in the USVI and abolished the position of the OIA field representative. Babauta, conferring with senior OIA staff regarding the increasing workload on various complex issues presently facing the USVI, concluded that it was in the department's interest to re-establish an OIA field office and to re-appoint a field representative.

Babauta appointed Basil Ottley, Jr., OIA's current Virgin Islands Desk Officer, to open and staff the USVI field office. Prior to joining OIA in 2008, Ottley was a member of the USVI Legislature.

"Basil is a valuable member of the OIA staff. He brings a real competency, depth of knowledge and strong capacity to get things done. I will miss having him in my Washington office but am confident he will better serve our Department as OIA's field representative," said Babauta.

Ottley's initial responsibility will be to lend greater support to the USVI Energy Development in Island Nations initiative in fulfillment of the Memorandum of Understanding that Babauta signed with the Department of Energy and the Virgin Islands government. He will also support existing OIA programs and new initiatives that are being considered with other federal agencies.

"I am pleased at the Department of Interior's decision to re-open the Virgin Islands field office, re-establishing the means for more interaction with the people on the many programs and services that are provided. I am sure that Basil Ottley will bring the energy and initiative necessary to making the office successful," said U.S. Rep. Donna Christensen (D-USVI).

"The re-establishment of the USVI field office is great news," said Gov. John P. deJongh. "The re-opening of this office will be of tremendous help as we continue to develop the working relationship between the Virgin Islands and the U.S. Department of the Interior. Basil Ottley has done a tremendous job on behalf of the Territory while working in Washington, D.C. and we look forward to him coming back home and leading our Department of the Interior field office. I want to thank Assistant Secretary Babauta for his leadership and his work on behalf of the USVI."

"Basil will continue to be the primary lead on all Virgin Islands issues and I am appointing Ms. Krystina Borja, my current OIA program analyst, to be the primary USVI contact in Washington. I am confident the re-establishment of the USVI field office and this reshuffling will provide for a more comprehensive, efficient and targeted handling of USVI issues," added Babauta.

Ottley is scheduled to relocate to the Virgin Islands early this summer. ***(DOI)***

NURSES

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hourly salary of $8.93 to $9.20 an hour.

Sen. Juan M. Ayuyu (Ind-Rota) and Hocog said the $16,000 came from the Rota Mayor's Office's own funding, and not from the nurses' employer, Saipan Employment Agency Services.

"The payment is in line with Rota Mayor Melchor Mendiola's commitment to the nurses. The mayor wants to pay these nurses for four months starting in June. The $16,000 came from casino fees," Hocog told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Hocog is the chairman of the Rota Municipal Council, and became the acting mayor while Mendiola is off island on personal leave.

Ayuyu, who is chairman of the Rota Legislative Delegation, said Rota is also asking the central government and the Fitial administration to provide for the full payments of the nurses.

"The Rota municipality does not have the resources to pay for these nurses. The delegation and municipal council are helping the mayor find resources to pay them at least partially so that the Rota Health Center won't lose them. We need nurses on our island," Ayuyu said.

The $16,000 came from a recently signed local law appropriating a total of $402,000 for Rota programs and activities. This was the application fee paid by Rota Treasure Island Corp., which received a conditional license to operate a casino on Rota.

Rota Local Law 17-4 appropriated $36,761.10 for the Rota mayor operations.

But while the Rota nurses received what was supposedly "advanced payment" for June, this is only "partial" because the payments cover only the hourly minimum wage of $4.55, and not their full salary.

In addition, the nurses have yet to receive their full back wages from SEAS for the April 25 to May 8 pay period.

"We also don't know if we will get paid today for the May 9 to 22 pay period," one of the nurses said in a phone interview yesterday, right after receiving the partial payment from Hocog.

These nurses also have yet to receive their partial back wages for four previous pay periods between March 26 and May 7, 2010.

During these two months, they were also paid only the minimum wage portion of their full salary.

Registered nurses on Rota are paid at least $9.20 an hour, while licensed practical nurses are paid at least $8.93 an hour.

Many of the Rota nurses have employments contracts with SEAS that will expire this month.

They said they already informed the Rota Mayor's Office and the Rota Health Center that they no longer want to renew their contract with SEAS because of its rampant violation of labor rules and laws, especially non-payment of salaries on time. These nurses want to be hired directly by the government, which is also being proposed by Rota officials.

"We continue to be patient even though they haven't paid us our complete salaries since March, because we don't want to leave our patients but we hope the government will also look after our benefits," one of the nurses said.

On Saipan, government nurses at the Commonwealth Health Center are paid on time.

CUC

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account," said CUC executive director Tony Muña.

Once they get it, Muña said the fund will be paid to Mobil Oil Marianas but the amount is just enough for the fuel requirements of Saipan.

"We will work something out with Mobil for us to deal with this particular scenario," said Muña.

Saipan Tribune learned that the $300,000 would only cover the fuel cost for Saipan's Power Plant, 4 which requires $364,698 to buy enough fuel that will last until June 11. Power Plant 1 needs $431,474 for fuel that will last until June 9.

Inasmuch as only $300,000 may be available this soon, Muña said they are planning to split the amount for both power plants. "We may also bring some operational funding to the table to make it work," he admitted.

"But as far as the Tinian order… that is the biggest concern," Muna told *Saipan Tribune*.

Tinian is expected to run out of fuel on the morning of June 17 and needs $657,338 to order a supply that will last until July 15.

Rota's supply will also run out today and it needs $46,072 to buy fuel enough to last until June 12.

Muña said Mobil Oil has promised to deliver the fuel as soon as it receives the $300,000 from CUC.

At 6pm yesterday, Muña said that weekend blackouts were temporarily averted because fuel was purchased for the two power plants through Tuesday.

However, Muña said CUC must make another purchase on Monday.

Some relief was also provided to Tinian after CUC was able to work with Mobil Oil to reduce the order and will arrange for another tanker to deliver fuel on June 14. CUC needs to make a fuel purchase totaling $600,000 by that time.

Expected severe shortfall

When interviewed at 4pm yesterday, press secretary Angel A. Demapan confirmed that the $300,000 had already been posted to CUC's account.

He said the administration is working to address the situation.

"Incidentally, funds have already been processed for disbursement to fulfill tomorrow's payroll for government employees," he said, adding that it is unfortunate that the CNMI is now faced with power problems because of fiscal woes.

He said the administration had projected a severe shortfall in government revenues and had long sought assistance from the Legislature.

This included an austerity bill to reduce the costs of payroll and a bill granting the governor 100 percent reprogramming authority. "Unfortunately, such measures have not passed legislative approval."

In anticipation of the budget shortfalls, Demapan said the governor exercised his authority to reduce the work hours of excepted service employees within the Executive Branch. However, in the absence of reprogramming authority, "the governor's ability to move funds around to fulfill outstanding obligations such as the central government's utility bills is pretty much incapacitated."

PAY CUTS

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While 27 got a one-hour pay cut, one will be docked eight hours.

Thomas T. Atalig, who will get the eight-hour cut, characterized the resident director's decision to place him and 27 others on AWOL as "retaliation" for their petition and should not be tolerated.

Atalig was docked eight hours reportedly for instigating the petition.

Dexter Apatang, who is also one of the petitioners, said the 28 employees signed the petition "after office hours" and should not be put on AWOL.

"It's totally wrong for the director to cut our salary because we didn't break the rules. We have the right to petition. We didn't do it during office hours but after office hours," Apatang told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Atalig, who is from the Rota Health Center's Bureau of Environmental Health, said the AWOL and work hour cuts hurt civil service employees.

"The resident director degraded us from the beginning and he did it again. …When we asked the director on Wednesday why he cut our salaries, he said it's because we signed the petition to remove him. But we have the right to petition anyone we think who's not doing his job," he said.

The period covered by the AWOL or the pay cut is the pay period between May 9 and May 22.

The paychecks for that period will be released today.

The one-hour salary cut amounts to an average of $9, depending on the salary received by each of the employees affected.

One of the original 29 petitioners withdrew her signature, and was spared the pay cut.

Rota Health Center has 45 employees.

Acting Rota Mayor George Hocog, who is the chairman of the Rota Municipal Council, met Wednesday with Ayuyu and the Rota Health Center employees who signed the petition to try to resolve the issue.

Employees interviewed yesterday and Wednesday said even if Ayuyu reinstates the one-hour work cuts, it would too late for today's payday.

"The timecards and the payrolls were already processed. We already received the pay cuts. If he decides to bring back the work hour cuts he took, it would be added to our next pay check. But he's already stepping into the plate of my family," Apatang said.

Ayuyu told *Saipan Tribune* on Wednesday that he's busy and won't be able to answer media questions. He did not return phone calls yesterday.

The employees, in a May 17, 2010, letter and petition addressed to Rota Mayor Melchor A. Mendiola, enumerated their complaints against Ayuyu and asked the mayor to remove him from the post.

The petition accused Ayuyu of misconduct and dereliction of duties.

At that time, Ayuyu told the media that the petitioners' allegations are untrue and that they do not want to accept changes for the better. He also cited employees' bad practices, including reporting late for work, not timing in or out, and allowing other employees to time in or out for them, which Ayuyu said are violations of policies and regulations.

The employees said yesterday Ayuyu's management style is too strict and that he has lost the trust of many.

At least one of them said they are giving Ayuyu at least a few weeks to implement changes that will be good for everyone, to improve the Rota Health Center.

SENATE

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and Wildlife in Washington, D.C. on May 18.

"The purpose of these public hearings will be to gauge public opinion regarding the DOI recommendations, and to assist the Senate in formulating a position and recommendations that reflect the sentiment of the people of the CNMI," Manglona said.

Manglona issued yesterday a one-page memo to Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), chairman of the Committee on Federal Relations and Independent Agencies, requesting him that his committee conduct these public hearings on Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

Both Manglona and Hofschneider went to the May 18 congressional hearing in Washington, D.C. on the implementation of the federalization law in the CNMI, but only Manglona testified before the subcommittee members.

Prior to the May 18 congressional hearing, the CNMI Legislature passed House Joint Resolution 17-4 that in part requested that the Interior work with the CNMI government in "submitting to Congress a report that includes the CNMI government's position and recommendations as to the future status of the alien worker population" in the CNMI.

"These [public] hearings may serve as the local government's foundation for that report. Therefore, I ask that your committee conduct these hearings at the earliest possible time and report back to the Senate with recommendations within 90 days," Manglona told Hofschneider.

The Interior report has recommended long-term status to foreign workers who have lawfully resided in the CNMI for at least five years.

The five options include granting these foreign workers U.S. citizenship by an act of Congress, permanent residency leading to citizenship, or a status similar to those given to citizens of Freely Associated States.

The Interior recommendations have received mixed reactions from the CNMI community.

Thousands of foreign workers, their families and supporters held a motorcade and rally in May to show strong support to the Interior's recommendations and to ask the U.S. Congress to immediately act on these recommendations.

Hundreds of indigenous Chamorros and Carolinians also held a rally on Saturday to express their strong objections to the Interior report, citing lack of consultation. Chamorros and Carolinians were conferred U.S. citizenship in 1986.

Others who did not participate in these rallies are either caught in between or just wanted to leave the issue up to the U.S. Congress.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial wanted the Legislature to work on having a referendum on the Interior report, and to put a question to voters in time for this year's November elections.

Some House members have already started working on the possibility of conducting a referendum. But the Senate is taking the route of conducting public hearings which it expects to have the same goal—to directly hear from members of the public what they feel about improving the status of long-term foreign workers as recommended by the Interior to the U.S. Congress.

Human smuggling case suspect says plan was to seek asylum in Guam

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REPORTER

One of the five Chinese defendants in a human smuggling case testified in federal court yesterday that their intention was to go from Rota to Guam aboard two rubber boats and, once there, seek asylum and find jobs.

Jingfan Zhang, who agreed to testify against his alleged co-conspirators as part of a plea agreement, told the court that he and co-defendant Shixu Huang flew from Saipan to Rota on Jan. 26, 2010, on a one-way ticket because they had no plans to return to Saipan.

Two to three days later, co-defendants Lihua Yi, Ping-ping Zhang, and Zhanshan Zhang joined them on Rota from Saipan.

The 36-year-old Jingfan Zhang, had already pleaded guilty as part of his plea bargain with the U.S. government.

Jingfan Zhang, speaking through an interpreter, said their plan was to seek asylum in Guam and find jobs there. He said they hatched the plan to go to Guam via Rota around September 2009 and that he and Huang purchased the two rubber boats from China for this purpose.

He said they came up with the idea after learning that one person had succeeded in going to Guam from Rota using an inflatable boat. He said all of them shared the costs of purchasing the two boats and two engines.

After getting the boats on Saipan, Jingfan Zhang said they shipped them to Rota for $360.

On Rota they stayed in a hotel, but later moved to another one because the first hotel had a nighttime security guard.

Jingfan Zhang related to the court how they prepared the boats and how authorities arrested them at the West Harbor docks on Rota in the early morning of Jan. 30, 2010.

When *Saipan Tribune* left the courtroom past noon yesterday, Jingfan Zhang was still on the witness stand.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge William H. Alsup is presiding over the trial that will continue today.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Eric O'Malley is assisting Schuler in the trial.

Defense lawyers Michael Dotts, G. Anthony Long, Bruce Berline, and Mark Hanson are representing the four defendants.

Special agent Isra D. Harahap of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement testified on Wednesday that he received information on Dec. 9, 2009, from a Saipan resident about human smuggling from Rota to Guam.

On Jan. 26, Harahap said, he received information from the CNMI Office of the Attorney General that two Chinese nationals were boarding a Freedom Air flight to Rota with two inflatable boats and two outboard engines.

The agent said he was able to verify with Freedom Air that Huang and Jingfan Zhang were boarding Freedom Air 200 from Saipan to Rota.

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Police look for possible witnesses in CK rape case

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Investigators are looking for possible witnesses in the rape case of a 15-year-old student at Laly 4 Beach in Chalan Kanoa last week.

Department of Public Safety spokesman Eric David told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that Criminal Investigation Bureau detectives are still conducting follow-up investigation on the case.

"I'm pretty sure someone within that District 4 village by the beach had seen something or anyone being there at the time," David said.

He said possible witnesses should call DPS about what he or she remembers about a white pickup truck in the area.

"I'm surprised that no one has seen anything or heard anything. That's really odd. Something like that should be reported as soon as possible," David said.

When asked why the incident was not immediately reported to the media, the DPS spokesman said that CIB did not share that information with him.

"I have an internal issue with CIB right now, communication-wise. I'm trying to rectify that right now," David said.

It was CNMI Crime Stoppers Program coordinator Jason Tarkong who released information about the rape incident to the media on Wednesday.

Tarkong said the girl was walking near the Chalan Kanoa Beach Club last Thursday, May 27, at 4:30pm when she was hit on the head and raped while unconscious.

Two males are tagged as suspects.

The victim, a local resident of Chalan Kanoa, sustained injuries in the head and groin. Her face was also swollen, Tarkong said.

The Commonwealth Health Center confirmed that the girl had been raped.

The student was on her way home from a neighbor's house when a white pickup truck with two male occupants passed her. The truck stopped and then backed up. The girl turned around and continued walking, when someone hit her head from behind, causing her to black out.

When she regained consciousness a few hours later it was already dark. She realized she was naked and found her clothes next to her at Laly 4 Beach in Chalan Kanoa.

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Man, 56, files discrimination suit vs Rota Resort

A 56-year-old worker has filed a discrimination lawsuit against Rota Resort and Country Club for allegedly terminating his employment due to his age.

Antonio C. Dela Fuente sued Rota Resort and Country Club in federal court for violation of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967.

Dela Fuente wants Rota Resort pay him damages, back wages, and court costs.

According to the complaint that Dela Fuente filed without a lawyer, the resort hired him as a power plant operator in April 1995 for an hourly wage of $3.

He said he performed his work and services diligently during the entire period of his employment.

The resort, however, gave preferential treatment to younger employees, Dela Fuente said. He said younger employees were given better work schedules and easy access to the management.

He said his manager often teased him during work hours about his work performance and denied him benefits being given to younger employees.

Dela Fuente said a month before his contract expired, Rota Resort informed him that they would not renew his contract. A month later, Dela Fuente was jobless.

Dela Fuente said Rota Resort hired a younger worker after his termination.

He alleged that the non-renewal of his contract was in retaliation for his complaint of discriminatory treatment by the power plant manager. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Tinian stores found selling expired stocks

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The Office of the Attorney General has discovered that some stores on Tinian have also been selling expired items without displaying notices that the merchandises have expired, among other violations of the Consumer Protection Act.

The OAG has sued five stores, all located in San Jose Village on Tinian.

Consumer counsel Michael L. Ernest asked the Superior Court to order the respondents to pay penalties not to exceed $2,500 for each violation of the Act. He also demanded attorney's fees and court costs and asked the court to issue an injunction barring the stores and its owners and agents from violating the Act.

Ernest stated in the complaints that the respondents do have sections for expired merchandise.

He said the stores offered for sale to consumers different products that had expired dates. He said these items were not marked as half of their original retail price, were listed as full price, and were not marked as expired.

The items, Ernest said, were stocked on shelves or displayed with merchandise that had not yet reached their expiration dates in a manner that did not clearly segregate the expired items from other merchandise.

He said the Commonwealth Code declares unlawful "selling expired merchandise without displaying a notice that the merchandise has expired."

Ernest recently filed the same lawsuits against over 20 stores on Saipan. Some of the establishments settled with the government, prompting the court to dismiss their cases.

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Khorram accepted into nat'l retina society

Marianas Eye Institute's David Khorram, MD, the CNMI's only ophthalmologist, has been accepted into the American Society of Retina Specialists.

Membership in the society is limited to ophthalmologists who spend major amounts of time dedicated to retinal care, and requires the nomination of two members of the society.

"I am pleased that my application to the American Society of Retina Specialists was accepted by the ASRS board of directors," said Khorram. "Fifty percent of our work at Marianas Eye Institute is dedicated to the care of patients with diabetic eye disease, which primarily affects the retina, and the membership in ASRS is one way to continue to remain in the vanguard of retinal care."

Khorram

Khorram's experience in the field of retina includes publication of various papers in international scientific and medical journals.

His most recent publication, which appeared in *Retinal Physician* magazine in January, was the result of an interview the magazine conducted with Khorram, where he explained Marianas Eye Institute's protocol to ensure patient safety during a specialized test of the retina called fluorescein angiography.

"It often surprises me that our clinic here on Saipan gets noticed on a national level," he said. "It's nice that the level of care we provide at Marianas Eye Institute, is high enough that our opinions are sought by other retina specialists. They want to learn from us, which is humbling."

Khorram's application to the American Society of Retina Specialists noted his role as the editor of the online journal, TheRetina-Blog.com. "The field of retina is evolving very rapidly," he said, "and serving as editor and writer for this online journal is a way of keeping up-to-date with all the research that is improving the way we treat retinal disease."

Marianas Eye Institute recently joined a network of clinics that conduct clinical research for the treatment of diabetic eye disease. The network, operating under the auspices of the National Institutes of Health, is searching for ways to improve care for diabetic retinopathy. Khorram serves as a clinical investigator in the network.

Marianas Eye Institute is one of five centers outside the United States that are part of the network.

Khorram will be lecturing at a conference in Vietnam later this year on diabetic retinopathy. ***(PR)***

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June 4, 1999

Manglona pleads for mercy

Senators have balked at a proposal to squeeze Sen. Herman M. Manglona to a potential liability of more than $4.5 million to be incurred by the CNMI government under a consent decree forged with the U.S. district court over a land clearing dispute on Tinian. A resolution expressing Senate sentiment that Manglona should be held personally liable for the penalty was ditched at the last minute after the embattled senator pleaded against the move, according to sources. But the Tinian senator was unperturbed, refusing to comment when asked about the Senate action. The resolution was offered by Sen. David M. Cing, from Tinian, who also declined to give statements.

Teno's son weighs legal action against 20/20

Marianas Visitors Authority Managing Director Perry John Tenorio yesterday said he is weighing his option whether to take legal action against 20/20 because of its serious implication on the promotional campaign of the tourism office. Last week the independently-produced "The Shame of Saipan" was carried by the television show in the mainland and was aired on Saipan Monday. In the report, which portrayed the island as a haven for sweatshops and prostitution, Tenorio's older brother, Michael, was mistakenly identified as the head of MVA. Video footage showed that Michael was inside a nightclub with his Japanese friends being entertained by bar girls. As a result of the airing of the report, Tenorio said some programs of the tourism office could be jeopardized.

June 4, 2001

Rota WAO prepares for June Conference

The CNMI Women's Affairs Office in collaboration with the Rota Mayor's office and other government agencies has begun plans for the upcoming Rota Women's Conference on June 15, 2001 at the rota Resort Driving Range from 8 am to 4 pm. entitled, "My Family and the CNMI Laws".The objective of the conference is to provide public awareness on information and resources available for the protection of women, children, and the elderly against abuse and neglect. With this in mind, speakers have been invited from the community to talk about the implementation, enforcement, and effects of certain public laws such as the Child Abuse Protection Act, Man-Amko Physical Abuse and Mental Cruelty Act, Family Protection Act, and Prostitution Law, have on women's daily lives.

CRM to take stiffer stance on owners of grounded ships

The Office of Coastal Resources Management is set to assess maximum fine against derelict boat owners littering the shorelines of Saipan. CRM Acting Director Joaquin D. Salas said at least three ships are slowly rotting away along the shores of the island and impacting severely on the environment posing as danger to people as well as eyesores. If the owners do not come up with corrective measures to move the boats from the shoreline and dispose them properly, Mr. Salas threatens to take action and fine them the maximum penalty of $10,000.

June 4, 2002

CPA, FAA discuss federal screeners

The deployment of security screeners at CNMI airports will be discussed this week when the Commonwealth Ports Authority meet with the Federal Aviation Administration officials in Laughlin, Nevada. CPA Executive Director Carlos H. Salas, who left for Hawaii yesterday, will be meeting with FAA Regional Administrator William C. Withycombe and Herman Bliss on Thursday. Salas said the meeting is part of the State of Aviation Directors conference where issues on airport security will be discussed. He said airport officials will discuss funding for the deployment of federal screeners to all airports across the mainland United States and insular areas.

'OPA not seeking pay hikes'

The Office of the Public Auditor belied a report that 18 of its employees, including Public Auditor Michael S. Sablan himself, are seeking pay hikes, implying that the report was based on wrong assumptions. In a letter dated yesterday, a copy of which was furnished to the Saipan Tribune, Sablan said that, although the OPA's budget submission for Fiscal Year 2003 shows a slight increase, this does not mean a hike in salaries but is actually the monetary conversion of the housing benefits of the newly hired resident auditors.

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Facebook's wise privacy move

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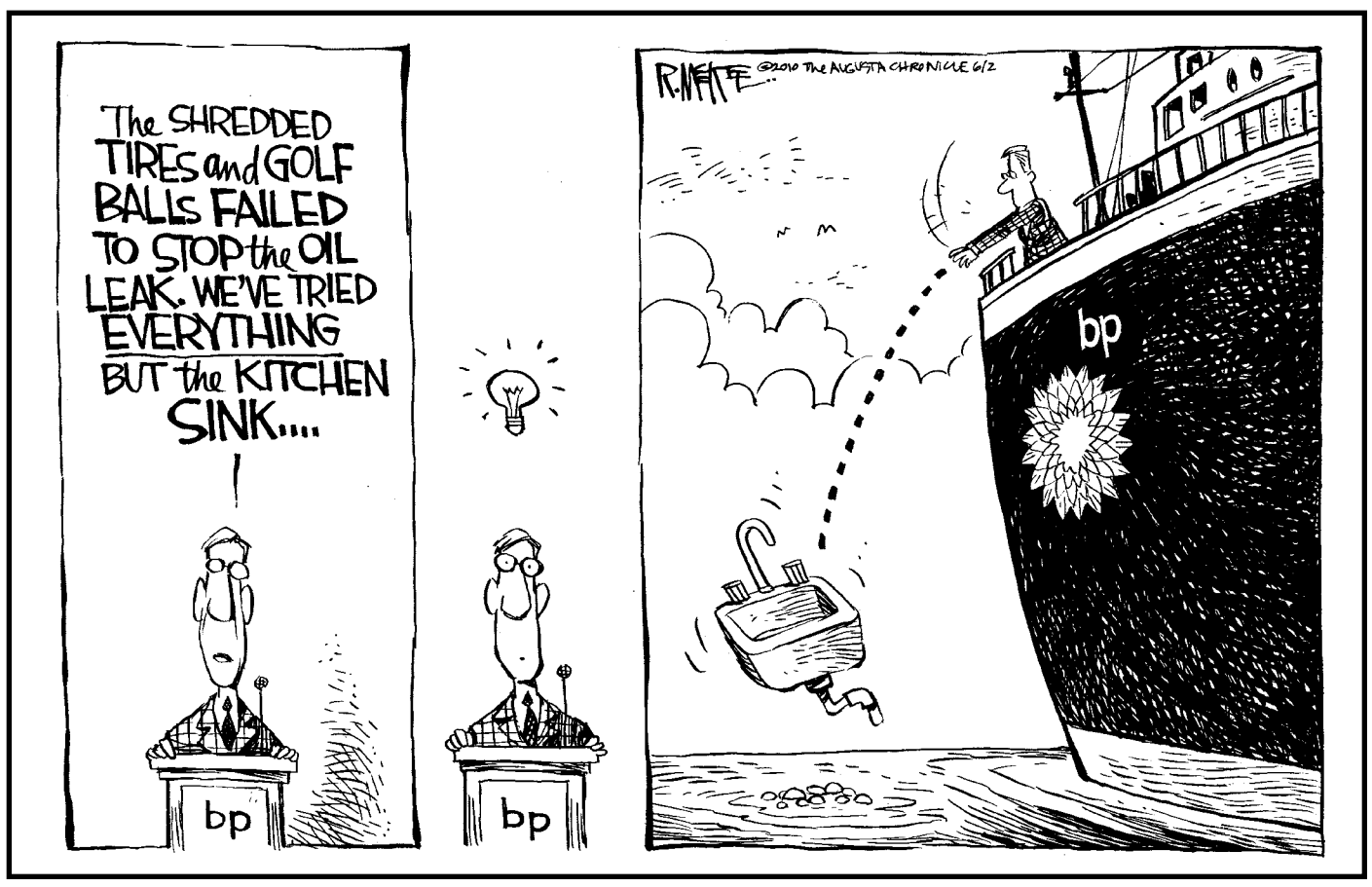
Hooray, Facebook saved the Internet! OK, so maybe that's making too much of the privacy controls that Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg unveiled Wednesday. But if the company hadn't addressed the uproar over its ever-changing privacy policy, there was a real possibility that Washington would have stepped in with new rules that would have applied to all social network operators, or even all websites. And we'd like to keep the nanny state away from the Net as long as possible.

That's not to defend what Facebook has been doing. The company operates the world's largest social network, with more than 400 million registered users. Collectively, these users pour data about themselves onto the site faster than BP spewed oil into the Gulf of Mexico. But people flock to Facebook in order to share information with a select circle of friends, not necessarily with the entire wired planet. Contrary to their expectations, Facebook has gradually exposed more and more of their profiles, photos and other postings to the public at large. It also launched a program to share personal information with other websites unless users instructed the site not to do so.

Its behavior has sent groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union and the Electronic Privacy Information Center running to lawmakers and regulators for help. The center filed a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission, arguing that Facebook's evolving privacy policy amounts to a bait and switch—users post information to the site under one set of rules for disclosure, then Facebook changes the rules to allow more disclosure of the posted material. Four Senate Democrats recently sent Zuckerberg a letter, urging him to make specific changes in the company's handling of user data. And two House members have been circulating a draft bill to regulate how Facebook and other websites collect information about their users and share it with advertisers.

By deciding voluntarily to let users control more of their personal information, and by giving them simpler tools to do so, Facebook vented some of the pressure building up in Washington. That's a relief not just to Facebook users but everyone on the Web. It's one thing for the Federal Trade Commission to hold companies to the promises they make to their users; it's another for lawmakers to try to design privacy policies for sites whose technical capabilities are constantly advancing, along with their users' demand for services and attitudes about privacy. As Zuckerberg has noted, Facebook triggered outrage when it started sending users' updates automatically to all of their friends. Now that kind of "news feed" is a central feature of just about every social network. What looks like a threat today may prove to be an asset tomorrow.

There may come a day when Washington has to craft new rules to stop websites from preying on defenseless users, but we're not there yet.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Ratzinger, Kung, and the Vatican

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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At the 2010 NMC Commencement Exercises, Fr. Charlie Borja of the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa and the Rev. Raymond Kinsella of the Grace Christian Academy Ministries each covered opposite flanks of the stage. Fr. Charlie gave the Invocation and Pastor Ray pronounced the Benediction, appropriate literate bookends for the occasion in our only public institution that promotes liberal learning.

I used to chide the late Gary Bradley, S.J., on whether the Reformation ever affected the islands, suggesting that the Inquisition continues with its successor, the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith, countermanding anything that smacks of the reforms of the Second Vatican Council. The encroachment of conservative forces such as the Opus Dei (made notorious by Dan Brown's *Da Vinci Code*) quickly replaced the brothers of Xavier and Loyola as the vanguard religious storm troopers of the Pope (their University of Life in Metro Manila has caught up academically with the S.J.'s Ateneo de Manila).

The anti-Catholicism of Protestants on Saipan might never have heard of the vivacious Pope John Paul II delivering the homily at the Lutheran Church in Rome on the occasion of the 500th year anniversary of the Augustinian monk Luther's birth. It was the nailing of his thesis on the cathedral doors of Wittenburg that sparked the Reformation.

At Vatican II from 1962 to 1965, the two youngest Roman Catholic theologians were Joseph Ratzinger and Hans Kung. Ratzinger became Rome's premier theologian as head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith, while Kung remained an avid promoter of church renewal and ecumenical rapprochement in the spirit of the Vatican Council.

The sickly and elderly Pope John XXII of the encyclical *Peace on Earth* fame wanted to open the windows of the Church for the fierce winds (*ruah,* spirit) of change to take its course; Ratzinger represented the immovable force that resisted and defended the pomp and spectacle of existing structures and tradition.

Kung promoted a Church of mercy and justice, barely keeping himself this side before excommunication. He was read widely and welcomed endearingly by progressive Christians, while Ratzinger became the voice of caution, rejecting reformed voices of religious Orders such as the Society of Jesus and the Maryknolls, and encouraging militants to defend the Holy See from the heretics outside and inside its walls.

Five years ago, Cardinal Ratzinger was elected to the Papacy and we know him today as Pope Benedict XVI. To his credit, he invited his in-house critic Kung to a languid but productive collegial conversation. On the fifth anniversary of Benedict's election to the Papacy, Kung collegially called the besieged Papal Office and its Magisterium, the beleaguered Church and its Curia, to account. The current sex abuse scandal that haunts the Roman clergy in Europe (and elsewhere) has gone high profile. Addressing the all-male Bishops to confront the worst credibility crisis in its history since the Reformation, his call came through an open letter in the *New York Times* last April 16.

Kung encourages the bishops to not be silent but call for reforms and initiate it at the bishopric level, to act in a collegial way, to speak the truth (ever clear that unconditional obedience is owed to God alone), to work for regional solutions (suggesting that issues like celibacy be dealt with from experience rather than dogma) since autocracy is no longer necessary, and to call for a council or a representative assembly of colleagues.

Kung's list of renewal and reform is long and substantive. (Readers may Google the letter for their own edification.) We know that membership in churches of both Roman and Reformed traditions in the West are all in decline. Cathedrals in Europe are being transformed into museums, and the passion of Christ has turned inward and moved to the heightened decibels of the Pentecostal movements, particularly of the emotionally charged impoverished developing world.

A conservative vision of the Church was heard on German radio in 1969 from a 42-year old prophetic voice: *"From today's crisis, a church will emerge. ...She will be small and…will have to start from the beginning. She will no longer be able to fill many of the buildings created in her period of great splendor …the smaller number of her followers will lose many of her privileges in society …She will present herself…as a community of volunteers ...As a small community, she will demand much more from the initiative of each of her members ...It will make her poor and a church of the little people ...The process will be slow and painful."* The voice was of Benedict before he ascended the throne of Peter.

Recently, a friend's father died after a lingering illness. As the family talked about funeral logistics, someone remembered that no one bothered to call a priest; the extreme unction had not been administered. There was "holy water" in the house and my friend sprinkled the water while invoking the triune name. She wondered of her act's efficacy, and my Protestant upbringing reminded her that a sacrament is simply to recognize sacral moment, a symbolic acknowledgment of sacred time!

Religion is but a hint, a clue to reality, a finger pointing to a mystery that we experience and celebrate as life but cannot grasp with human thoughts. The human dilemma is that we idolize the finger and miss altogether what it is pointing to. Benedict is once again confronted with defending the finger. Kung invites him and his Church to face reality.

Previously, BoE debated whether to accept religious course credits of transfers to the public school system. They were haggling over the finger; no one raised the issue of whether our children were being made conscious of the finger's function (we mean the pointer, not the middle). We pray that Pope Benedict will not make that mistake, that he regain his prophetic voice of 40 years ago. Forgo the fingers. Let there be life. *L'achaim.* To life!

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You so stupid!

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It's probably glaringly obvious to anyone in the Commonwealth that China is one very important place, and that learning to speak Chinese is one very important thing to do. I'm hoping that my utterly glacial progress in this linguistic realm can somehow prove instructional to others, so that they may steer around the pitfalls I've encountered and, hopefully, do better than I've done.

And, finally, I have received a definitive diagnosis of my problem. Hey, if the first step toward solving a problem is identifying it, then this has the promise of genuine progress.

This diagnosis wasn't tendered precipitously, but instead as the result of some diligent analysis from my friend Mimi. Mimi looked over my Chinese materials: my books on speaking, my books on writing, my books on reading, my books on grammar, my store bought flash cards, my homemade flash cards, my little dictionary, my medium dictionary, and my big dictionary.

She surveyed my notes.

She inspected my various worksheets.

She contemplated all the ad hoc tutor sessions she provided since last year.

Then she delivered her verdict. It was: "YOU SO STUPID!"

I asked her if she might have, well, you know, a solution to this problem.

Like any good problem solver, she had more than one tactic to offer:

1). I can quit studying Chinese altogether, which would spare Chinese ears (hers included) the shrill agony of hearing me mangle their language any longer. I'll note that she was very enthusiastic about this option.

2). I can stop being so stupid. She didn't seem so confident that this choice was realistic, so she offered it more as a theoretical option then an implementable practicality.

It's the hearing (listening comprehension) part that has really got me stymied. Try as I may to catch things, even simple things, the first time, I have to ask people to repeat themselves, even when they are speaking in limited, child-like vocabulary suitable for my lowly stature in the tongue. I really hate asking people to repeat themselves because I know it's irritating to the speaker. It's not my hearing at issue, it's my comprehension: My ears deliver the product to the brain just fine, but the brain doesn't have the horsepower to process the information fast enough, or even at all.

Incidentally, the speaking (as opposed to listening) part isn't nearly as difficult, not that I'm good at that, either, Mimi still winces at half my words, but we're measuring various layers of disaster here, so it's all comparative.

The reading part is the most fun. I don't know if that's a common reaction among students of Mandarin, or if it's just one of my aberrant quirks. As for the writing part, well, I'm sort of going half-baked on that, frankly.

After taking one semester of Mandarin last year, truth be told I've been merely picking at it from time to time for an entire damned year now, and have been hoping that some magical, subconscious progress would have been accruing vast rewards on the back boiler. I thought it would be a pleasant little hobby, of sorts; not that the end-goal is frivolous. It's not, it's important. But I don't have the luxury of spending my time in school, stringing together semesters of Chinese.

And, like all hobbies, it wound up being an expense item, too. I keep thinking that the next book I buy is going to hold some magic angle on things that makes everything fall into place. The only thing falling into place is my bookshelf. Well, make that two things falling, because all these book purchases are dragging down my bank account, too.

Indeed, a stupid and his money are soon parted.

Still, the question is a nagging one: Am I just one little step from zooming up on the learning curve? Or is this always going to be a linear slog, a war of grueling mental attrition for every scant inch of conquered linguistic territory?

I suspect the latter. But I'm not ready to quit. Not yet. So, once again, I'm lowering the goals for my progress, hoping (in vain) that it's better to remain engaged in a learning process than it is to simply quit entirely. Me so stubborn!

18 years of a festering issue between the CNMI and the US governments

"History repeats itself. That's one of the things wrong with history."
—Clarence Darrow

By WILLIAM H. STEWART
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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In view of the several contentious contemporary issues being discussed in the NMI at this time I recall a series of penetrating questions posed 18 years ago in mid-1992 by the U.S. Congress Subcommittee on Insular and International Affairs to the CNMI administration. The concerns of Congress at that time started with a hearing concerning local policies related to the garment industry and quickly expanded to include issued relating to the Commonwealth's control of its own immigration policies.

The following are several "selected" questions posed by the subcommittee that are still, in some instances, relevant today after all these years concerning NMI policies as relate to the adherence to United States laws.

The questions below have been retrieved from my historical economic files and are presented below exactly as posed by the subcommittee, with the exception of questions related to the garment industry, tax rebates and minimum wage—totaling more than 60 questions in all, many of which have been omitted due to space limitations and in any event are no longer relevant.

While I participated in preparing answers in draft form to some of the questions regarding economics and provided statistical data while working with several others on the Governor's staff, I do not have copies of the "official" reply to the congressional questions ultimately provided by the NMI administration and ultimately to the Department of the Interior. Interested parties should request such from that source. Nevertheless, the questions alone are testimony to the U.S. government's longstanding concern over the issue of nonresident workers.

Questions for the governor of the CNMI by the Subcommittee on Insular and International Affairs, July 3, 1992, oversight hearing on policies related to the controversial garment industry in the CNMI

Immigration Control:

■ The Northern Marianas was exempted from Federal Immigration laws in the mid-'70s through, at least, termination of the Trusteeship to prevent a feared influx of aliens under federal immigration laws. NMI laws have allowed as many temporary aliens as there are permanent residents into the Commonwealth. Has the purpose for the exemption of protecting the NMI from an influx of aliens been fulfilled? Has the NMI enacted any laws to limit the number of alien workers in the NMI?

■ The U.S. Immigration and Nationality Act recognizes two classes of aliens: immigrants, who are lawfully admitted into the U.S. for permanent jobs and non-immigrants who are granted strictly temporary admission for purely temporary jobs. Under the INA, an employer is not permitted to fill an ongoing labor need with temporary non-immigrant workers. This category of workers can only be employed for peak-load labor needs under federal law. In the CNMI, almost all alien workers are classified by the Commonwealth as temporary (although many stay in the Commonwealth for years). However, the jobs that they hold are ongoing. Do you think that most of the jobs in the NMI can be fairly termed temporary?

■ Under federal law an alien entering the United States to work either as a temporary non-immigrant or as a permanent resident immigrant can be accompanied or joined by his/her spouse or children. NMI laws prohibit the spouse or children of all but upper income alien workers to join these workers in the NMI. What is the reason for not allowing most aliens' families entry?

■ The INA stipulates that the Secretary of Labor must determine whether the wages of U.S. workers in the relevant industry will be held down by the admission of alien workers before an employer is given the go ahead to bring in alien workers. U.S. labor laws and regulations also require that a need for alien workers be established before workers are brought in from outside. Does the NMI provide similar protection for local wage levels and resident workers?

■ Assistant Interior Secretary Richard Montoya in the mid-1980s estimated that half the aliens who enter the NMI stay illegally. Local officials have admitted that a problem exists in this area, according to the April 20th *Pacific Daily News*. That paper as well as others have reported on crackdowns of illegal aliens. How bad is the problem? How much does the NMI government spend in enforcing immigration law?

■ A substantial number of the births in the NMI, a majority at times, are to alien mothers. What happens when the mother's employment contract is terminated?

■ Aliens make up at least half the population of the Northern Marianas today (i.e., 1992); but, of course, have no political power there. They are relatively poor in most cases and they also make up the vast majority of the workforce in industries such as garment manufacturing, construction, and nightclub entertainment, where abuses of labor have occurred or been claimed. Given that the people affected lack power, isn't it likely that protection of their rights will be a lesser priority than protection of the rights of citizens?

■ The Governor's Trade Counsel reported in 1986 that your garment companies had "a poor record for hiring resident workers." Indeed, over 93 percent of the employees are not local. Since then the industry has created some 4,000 new jobs...almost all are held by aliens and there are still only 300 some resident Chamorro/Carolinian jobs in the industry, as there were then. Why has the Commonwealth allowed an industry to develop that it knew would not hire local people?

■ The Governor's Trade Counsel in 1986 suggested consideration of a freeze on the hiring of alien workers in the garment industry and a limit on the amount of exports. Since then, the number of alien workers and exports have increased about four-fold. Why did the NMI government reject the Trade Counsel's advice? Has there been any legislation to limit the number of alien workers and exports in the garment industry?

■ The Attorney General of the NMI in 1985 proposed an increase to 60 percent in the number of resident workers in the garment industry. That is about 10 times the current amount. Today (i.e., 1992) local law requires that 20 percent of the workforce in the garment industry be NMI residents. There is legislation to lower it to 10 percent. Why wasn't the Attorney General's recommendation in 1985 followed? How would you justify lowering the resident worker requirement to 10 percent? Who would benefit most from this proposal?

■ The Governor's Trade Counsel recommended in 1986 that garment companies be required to actively recruit and train local resident workers and pay them increased salaries. There are a few more local residents working in the garment factories today than there were then, although there are about four times more alien workers. Why wasn't the recommendation followed to require factories to recruit and train local labor and pay them higher wages?

■ NMI projections indicate that aliens may outnumber residents by 1.5 or 4 to 1 by the year 2000. What impacts would such growth of the alien labor population have on the local culture and society?

■ The March 6th *Marianas Review* quoted a top official of the NMI administration as saying that reports that the government would reduce the number of alien workers by 1996 did not make sense and warning against substantially increasing the minimum wage so as not to discourage employers from recruiting a considerable amount of labor from overseas. Does this reflect the policy of the NMI administration, not to even really try to reduce alien employment in future years? What type of society is the NMI creating where so many people live in business-controlled group facilities—sometimes with freedom of movement curtailed?

I have provided the above questions posed long ago in an effort to provide those interested in the Commonwealth's evolving economic and political issues with some historical background, particularly as regards those issues confronting the islands in the early portion of the decade of the '90s.

In reviewing the questions submitted by the U.S. Congress and the obvious concern expressed therein with respect to the CNMI's ability to administer both its own and United States' laws, one cannot help but wonder, after the fact, if the rush for agreement to establish a political union in the mid-'70s may have been dictated principally by both military expediency (resulting from Cold War strategy and Vietnam (the U.S. government is responsible for defense of the CNMI) and, the Commonwealth's own anxiousness to terminate what, at the time of negotiations, amounted to a state of political limbo for the islands?

For more on this subject Google "Saipan Tribune Cold War" for the two-part "unofficial" article "The United States' geopolitical & strategic interest in the NMI," March 22, 2009. I suspect little thought was given at the time by both sides as to the preparation required on the part of the new Commonwealth that would be necessary to accommodate the wide, diverse range of U.S. laws and regulations that the CNMI would be expected to adopt and follow.

One wonders if the NMI government has an institutional memory outside the confines of the Covenant to even recall the issues of 18 years ago.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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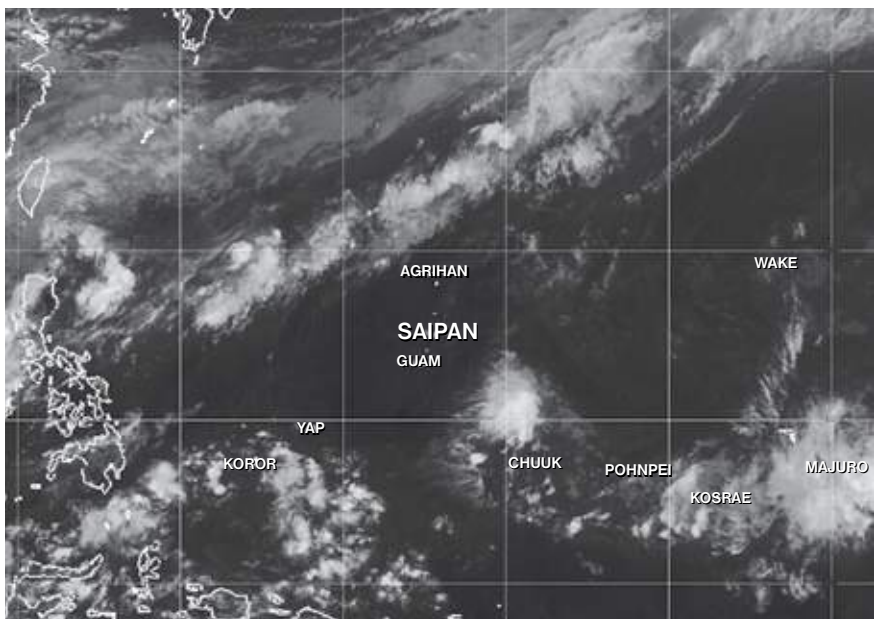
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲87	▼80
Palau	Showers	▲86	▼78
Yap	Mostly Sunny	▲88	▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼77
Pohnpei	Rain	▲85	▼78
Kosrae	Showers	▲88	▼79
Majuro	Breezy	▲84	▼78

Around The Globe

Auckland	Sunny	▲60	▼51
Beijing	Sunny	▲87	▼64
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲82	▼77
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼73
London	Sunny	▲74	▼53
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲76	▼61
Manila	Thundershowers	▲90	▼84
Melbourne	Sunny	▲64	▼47
Miami	Thundershowers	▲89	▼79
New York	Thundershowers	▲87	▼69
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲80	▼63
Paris	Sunny	▲81	▼57
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	▲73	▼62
Rome	Showers	▲77	▼58
Salem	Showers	▲62	▼55
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲63	▼58
Seoul	Sunny	▲81	▼61
Tokyo	Sunny	▲74	▼65
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲88	▼72

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2010
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A stationary front extends southwestward from 25N146E to 22N140E to beyond 19N at 130E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found along and within 150 miles of the frontal boundary. A trough extending southward along 139E from 9N to 3N is generating scattered showers near Palau and Yap within 50 miles of the trough. A trough extending southward along 150E from 14N to 5N is producing scattered showers north of Chuuk within 100 miles east of the trough. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across eastern Micronesia between 3N and 8N from 160E to the date line. Widespread showers and a few thunderstorms are concentrated southwest of Majuro near 5N170E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

1:16 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
7:34 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet
11:53 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet
6:49 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:46 AM	6:45 PM
Saturday	5:46 AM	6:45 PM
Sunday	5:46 AM	6:45 PM
Monday	5:46 AM	6:46 PM
Tuesday	5:46 AM	6:46 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today		11:38 AM
Saturday	12:10 AM	12:24 PM
Sunday	12:44 AM	1:10 PM
Monday	1:20 AM	1:58 PM
Tuesday	1:20 AM	1:58 PM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 27, 2010

DEPARTURES

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM

C09597	5:00am	5:30am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUAM

C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	Daily
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	5:55am	8:35am	Daily
DL297	3:35pm	6:15pm	Daily
DL289	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604	2:20am	6:10am	1
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

CZ3008	3:30am	6:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN
OZ604/701	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/703	2:20am	11:00pm	1 via ICN
OZ606/703	2:50am	11:00pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ608/705	3:20am	12:10am+1	1, 5 via PUS
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	6 via GUM
C09603/893	3:05pm	9:10pm	3, 5 via GUM-Palau
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG

OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am	1 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	4, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/909	3:05am	9:30pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM-ROTA (ROP)

C09598	6:30pm	7:00pm	4, 7

GUAM-SAIPAN

C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09600	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL290	10:00am	2:35pm	Daily
DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily
DL288	8:40pm	1:15am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

CZ3007	7:30pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ704/605	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ706/607	3:35am	2:20am+1	4, 7 via PUS
C0890/9606	10:55am	9:00pm	6 via GUM
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
C0892/9596	10:10pm	7:50am+1	3,5 via GUM-Palau
C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM

HONG KONG-SAIPAN

OZ724/605	12:30am	2:20pm	2 ,4 ,6, 7 via ICN
OZ750/605	1:00am	2:20pm	2, 4 ,6 ,7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0910/9596	10:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

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Learn how to do CPR and help save a life

The Department of Public Safety-Fire Division, Office of Emergency Medical Services, the Department of Public Health's Commonwealth Health Center, and the American Red Cross are encouraging everyone in the CNMI to "Help save a life!"

Sudden cardiac arrest can strike anyone, anywhere. And when it does, a victim's survival depends on people around them. Training more people to perform CPR and use the AED, when available, increases survival by enabling more bystanders to handle an emergency. Less than one-third of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest victims receive CPR and/or the AED from a bystander. Without immediate CPR or the use of the AED, the chance of surviving out-of-hospital cardiac arrest drops up to 10 percent for each minute that passes without defibrillation.

"Knowing what to do in an emergency can help save a life" said John Hirsh, director of the NMI Red Cross. "Take the time to get certified in CPR and AED, do it for your family, do it for your friends, do it for your neighbors, and more importantly do it for yourself."

In addition to early CPR or AED use by lay responders, EMS personnel now carry AEDs on every ambulance, rescue, and fire truck serving the CNMI communities in Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

"We are pleased to have this life saving equipment on 10 of our response vehicles in Saipan, and one each on Rota and Tinian. This is a significant improvement in the "chain of survival: Early Access, Early CPR, Early Defibrillation, Early Advanced Care" for those who are affected by sudden cardiac arrest," said Fire chief Thomas Manglona.

EMS and CHC have been working for several months to develop an AED protocol that will help save lives before patients arrive at the ER. "Every second that the heart is not beating effectively means potential brain damage. Time is brain. So the sooner we can implement the AED, along with CPR, the more likely we can prevent brain damage or death," said Emergency Room physician Dr. Shirish Balachandra.

There will be large CPR/AED training this Saturday at 8am at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. The class is only $5. Call the American Red Cross at 234-3459 for more information.

This activity is part of National CPR and AED Awareness Week, which is from June 1 to June 7. ***(PR)***

Letters to the Editor

Can't we do anything right?

We in the Commonwealth spend our time worrying about playing our fiddle while the island burns. BLACK OUT LOOMS. We don't pay attention to our critical problems. Our economy will further sink our island. No power. What more can be said. Until the citizens look beyond promises. Can't we do something right? We are working on being like Chuuk. No economy for the most part. But let us continue to do nothing but ask now for the USA to save us.

Del Benson
Papago, Saipan

Big-hearted couple

We, the cadets of Saipan Southern High School JROTC and SGM Joaquin O. Kiyoshi, offer our sincere thanks and appreciation to the couple that paid our bill at Pizza Hut after the Memorial Day ceremony that was held in the Veteran's Cemetery up in Marpi on Monday, May 31, 2010. After we finished eating, SGM Kiyoshi asked for the bill and the cashier said that the couple who were sitting about four tables away from us paid our bill. We all got up and went to their table and greeted then with our most heartfelt "Thank you." The couple said "Thank you" to us for remembering our fallen heroes, and for doing a great job during the ceremony. We, the cadets of SSHS JROTC program, just want to tell that couple once again, "Thank you very much. God bless your noble hearts."

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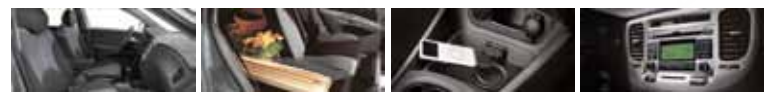

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Free fitness classes at Kagman center

The Kagman Komunidat Association is conducting free fitness classes at the Kagman Community Center on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5pm to 6pm. Only 15 participants will be accommodated per class so make your reservations soon. Participants must bring an exercise mat, sweat towel, exercise shoes, and drinking water. Any hotels or businesses that wish to donate mats can contact KKA. To reserve a spot, call Greg DL Guerrero at 285-4007 or e-mail kagmankomunidatassociation@gmail.com.

KKA advises against burning debris

The Kagman Komunidat Association would like to ask Kagman residents to refrain from burning any type of debris. Community members have expressed concern about the abundance of smoke entering their homes from burning debris. Burning debris poses a health risk to the public (especially newborns and elderly) and proper disposal of debris should be practiced instead. KKA is encouraging residents to dispose of woods and leaves onto undeveloped homestead lots instead of burning them. Plastics and aluminum should be disposed of at the transfer station or Marpi landfill. ***(PR)***

PIBBA raffle drawing postponed

The Pacific Islands Bilingual Bicultural Association CNMI Chapter would like to inform the public that its raffle drawing scheduled for June 4 has been rescheduled to June 11. ***(PR)***

Oleai school PTSA meeting set

The PTSA officers of the Oleai Elementary School would like to inform the parents and guardians of its students that there will be a PTSA meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 2010, at 6:15pm in the school cafeteria. Everyone is encouraged to attend. ***(PR)***

Art exhibition at Hopwood tomorrow

The CNMI Public School System will be holding the Art Exhibit and Performance Festival on Saturday, June 5, 2010 at Hopwood Junior High School from 10am-5pm. Art exhibit and performances from public school students from Saipan, Rota, and Tinian will be on display throughout the event. The general public is invited to join us in this celebration of talent and diversity. For questions and concern contact 237-3014. ***(PR)***

CNMI Scholarship Office deadlines

■ Deadline for Application: July 1, 2010

■ Deadline for supporting documents: Sept. 30, 2010

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Delegate bets face off on Marianas Agupa

Former governor Juan N. Babauta will be a guest on Marianas Agupa this Saturday, June 5, 2010, to discuss his bid for the U.S. Congress. Babauta will be facing off with incumbent Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan, along with two other aspirant, local attorney Joe Camacho and former lieutenant governor Jesse Borja. The show is from 10am to 11am on Magic 100.3 FM.

Marianas Agupa is hosted by Glenn H. Manglona, with a special guest host, former mayor Joseph S. Inos. The talk show airs every Saturday from 9am to 11am. Additionally, the show features a special report from Rota with correspondent and commentator Thomas D. Mendiola and a report from Tinian by correspondent and radio commentator David M. Cing. Simultaneous Internet streaming via www.magic100radio.com will be available. For more information, e-mail marianasagupa@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

Free health screening for OFWs on Sunday

The Philippine Consulate General will be hosting the 2nd Quarter "Free Health Screening for OFWs" this Sunday, June 6, 2010, at the ground floor of the Marianas Business Plaza Building in Susupe, Saipan. Registration is from 7am to 8am and the actual conduct of the activity will start at 8am until 12pm.

The medical services include blood pressure, blood sugar, and vision check-ups. OFWs who are availing of blood sugar level check-up *must* refrain from taking solid and liquid food from midnight to actual testing.

This free health screening program by the Philippine Consulate General, Philippine Overseas Labor Office, and Overseas Workers Welfare Administration is done in cooperation with the Filipino Volunteer Medical Team, CNMI Pharmacist Association and Hardt Eye Clinic. ***(PR)***

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- Cannot climb onto and down from furniture unsupported
- Cannot recognize names of familiar people, objects, and body parts
- Does not speak at least 15 words
- Does not use two-word sentences by age 2
- Does not imitate actions or words by the end of this period
- Does not follow simple instructions by age 2
- Cannot find objects when hidden under 2 or 3 covers
- Cannot push a wheeled toy by age 2
- Experiences a dramatic loss of skills he or she once had

Learn the Signs. Act Early.

You may also contact the **Children's Developmental Assistance Center (C*DAC)** at **664-4830** for a **FREE** developmental screening!

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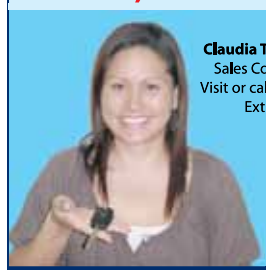
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Saipan-born Buniag gets McArthur leadership award

By DENCIO MANGLONA
STUDENT INTERN

Saipan-born Capt. Alejandro Lester M. Buniag was recently awarded the Douglas McArthur Leadership Award, joining 27 of the Army's most promising captains and warrant officers who were recognized at the 23rd Annual General Douglas McArthur Leadership awards ceremony at the Pentagon.

The McArthur award recognizes company grade warrant officers and commissioned officers in the active Army, the Army National Guard and the Army Reserve who exemplify the ideals for which General McArthur stood for—duty, honor, country.

Buniag received a 15-pound engraved bust of General McArthur from Gen. George W. Casey, Jr., Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Capt. Alejandro Lester M. Buniag, center, is presented with the Douglas McArthur Leadership Award by Gen. George W. Casey, Jr., Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army.

Buniag is currently stationed in Barrigada, Guam. He is the company commander of the 797th Engineer Company, part of the 9th Mission Support Command of the U.S. Army Reserve, and is responsible for about 200 men in both Hawaii and Guam.

Brig. Gen. Alexander I. Kozlov, who nominated Buniag for the award, described him as the kind of person who "takes the time to do things correctly the first time."

"It is often difficult to balance one's personal life with the requirement and expectations put upon a reserve officer, especially a reserve officer commanding a company of over 200 soldiers geographically separated by 3,000 miles of ocean. However, Capt. Buniag always…maintains a vigilant watch over the activities of his subordinates," Kozlov added.

Buniag is the son of Alejandro and Angelita Buniag and is married to Bobbie. He attended Seventh Day Adventist, Grace Christian Academy, and the Northern Marianas College. He graduated from the University of Guam with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and continued his education to earn a master's degree in Public Administration.

Three-hour power outage scheduled for Kiya 1 circuit

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has scheduled a three-hour power outage for the entire Kiya 1 grid on June 5, 2010, from 7:30am to 10:30am. This interruption is required for the safety of the linemen as they perform general maintenance on the electrical system.

From 7:30am to 9am, the outage will affect As Terlaje, portions of Fina Sisu, Lower Dandan, Isley Field, San Vicente, Upper Dandan Homestead to Obyan and portions of Papago to Botanical Garden.

From 7:30am through 10:30am, the outage will affect Dandan Rd (former Domar Store) to the Obyan Water Wells and Hawaiian Rock; also from Airport Rd. (Adios sign) to the Isley Field water wells.

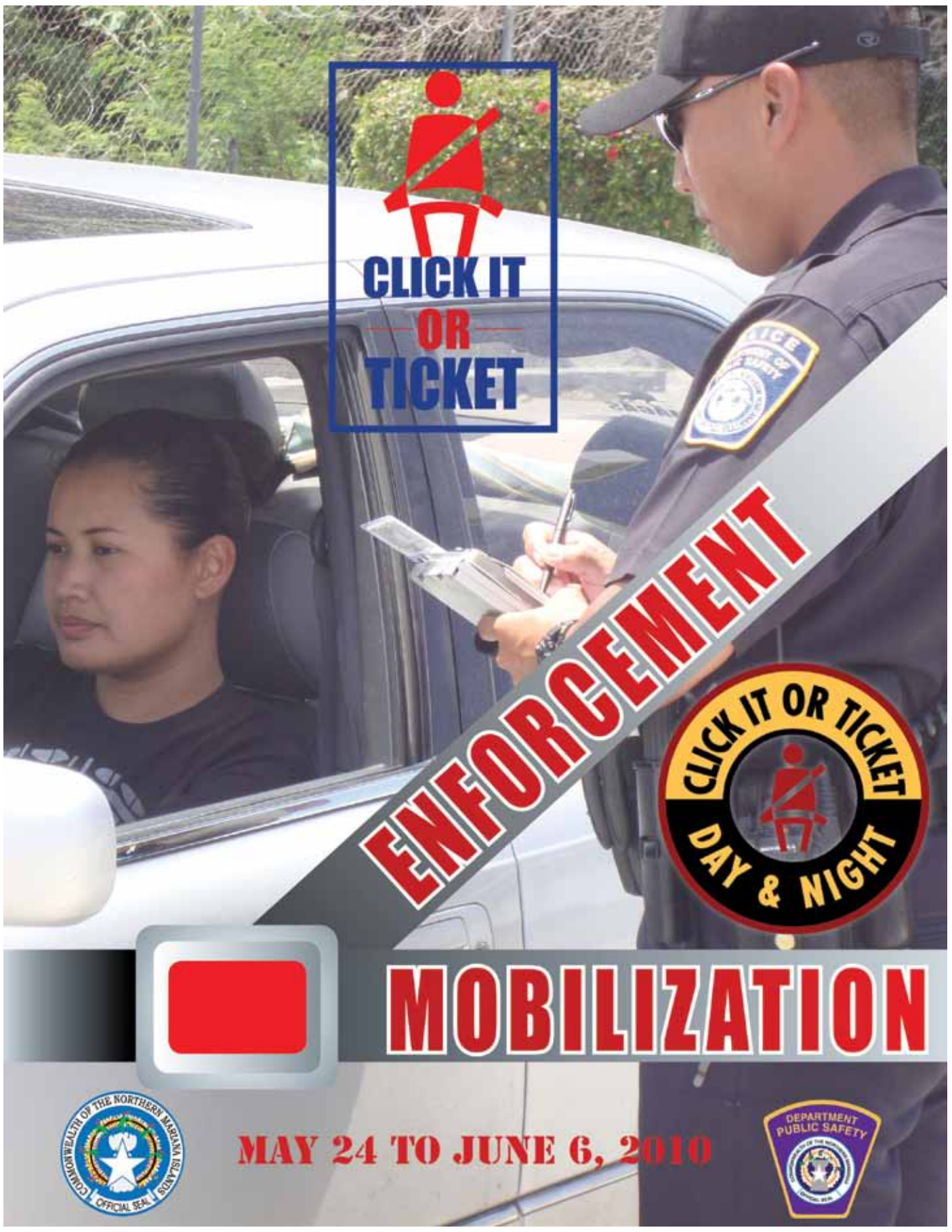
The Saipan International Airport terminals will not be affected, though.

CUC said this is part of an ongoing maintenance program that will involve the replacement of more defective pole hardware such as pole top pins, insulators, cross arms, insulators, guying, connectors, bolts and nuts on the second partial of the circuit.

In addition to performing maintenance, needed repairs will also be made to the circuit to prepare for the upcoming Cross Island Road Power Pole Relocation Project. Two new airbrake switches will be installed, one near the Lower Dandan Homestead area and the other near the Adventure store in San Vicente. The purpose of the ABS's is to allow the line crews the ability to isolate specific areas of the electrical grid to minimize inconvenience to the public and its customers when performing future repairs and maintenance to the system.

The entire circuit will be de-energized until installation of the ABS is completed in San Vicente. However, the power will remain off from the San Vicente Loop at the former Roundhouse location to the Dandan Homestead and the Obyan area where the work will continue. Again, because of the extreme danger in working on energized lines, a power outage is necessary to ensure the line crews safety.

CUC apologizes for any inconvenience this power interruption may have on the community and their consumers and will continue to work diligently to minimize future interruptions. ***(CUC)***



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Merfalen is NMC's new dean for Academic Programs and Services

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The Northern Marianas College has a new dean for Academic Programs and Services with the appointment of Barbara "Bobbie" Merfalen to the post yesterday.

Merfalen's promotion means the community college's roster of deans is now complete. She replaces Janice Tenorio, who resigned last year.

Merfalen said she is extremely excited to be part of the dynamic team that comprises the Academic Programs and Services Division.

"This new role will allow me to build on the remarkable progress made by all the faculty and staff in elevating the college's academic standards. The new position will allow me to be more focused on the long-term strategic direction of NMC's instructional programs," she said yesterday.

Her new responsibilities include overseeing six academic departments and ensuring that all students' academic needs are sufficiently met. She is also expected to work with department chairs and other faculty members in curriculum development, improvement, and evaluation. Merfalen will also lead the development of a multi-year instructional plan for NMC.

Prior to her new position, Merfalen was an instructor at NMC's School of Education

Merfalen

for over eight years. She also was responsible for coordinating a number of staff and faculty development trainings on classroom management, teaching strategies and understanding culture and diversity.

She was named NMC Faculty of Year last year.

Merfalen has over 14 years experience as an educator. In her professional career, she has worked as a college instructor, adjunct instructor, vice principal, and classroom teacher.

She spent years as a student teacher at Carbullido Elementary School in Guam and was a classroom teacher at Marianas High School and Koblerville Elementary School. She was also a team member of the CNMI Public School System's Standards and Benchmarks Development Team in the late 1990s and 2000. Merfalen was also a member of the Kagman Elementary School accreditation team and helped the school achieve a six-year accreditation.

She has a master's degree in Education from Framingham State College, a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education/ Early Childhood Education and an associate degree in Early Childhood Education from the Guam Community College. She is completing work on her masters in Educational Leadership: Administration and Supervision at the University of Guam.

Interim NMC president Lorraine T. Cabrera said Merfalen will be an asset to the college.

"We are confident that Bobbie's years of experience and expertise will prove to be an invaluable asset to the college. Her leadership and her ability to inspire others will benefit all NMC students tremendously," said Cabrera.

Merfalen is also involved in numerous community and nonprofit organizations and served as president of the Autism Society of the CNMI, a Catechism teacher for the Saint Jude Parish, a former president of the Army Catholic Wives' Group based in Belgium, former president of PTK-Beta Beta Zi Chapter of the Guam Community College, and former board member of the Army Officer's Wives Club in Germany, to name a few.

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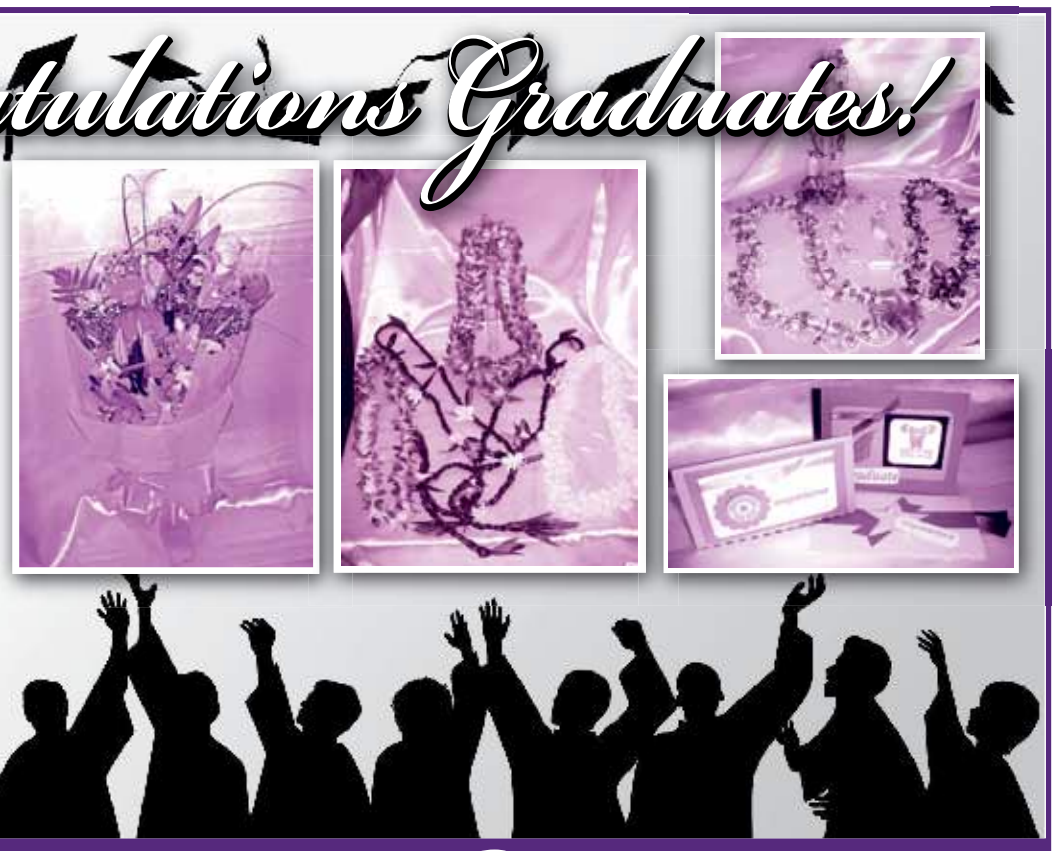

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Democratic Party sets sunset gathering on June 5

In what promises to be the largest gathering of old and new Democrats so far this year, the Democratic Party of the Northern Mariana Islands is gearing up for an islandwide rally on Saturday, June 5, 2010, at the Minachom Atdao Pavilion in Susupe from 5pm to 9pm.

"We're looking forward to uniting all loyal Democrats—past and present—and we look forward to recruiting new members into the Democratic Party of the Northern Mariana Islands. Come down to the Minachom Atdao this Saturday for a night of free food, free drinks, live entertainment and great raffle prizes. Plus, you will get a chance to meet the Democratic Party candidate for U.S. Congress Jesse Camacho Borja," said NMI Democratic Party chair Jesse J. Torres.

"We are the party in power in Washington and we look forward to our eventual affiliation with the National Democrats. We expect to be included on the agenda for the next executive committee meeting and we hope to hear by then what our next steps will be in aligning with the National Party," said Torres.

Borja, the party's candidate for Congress, will address the crowd and inform them on his plans for Washington. This will also be a chance for the public to ask him direct questions.

"We are proud to have Jesse Camacho Borja as our candidate for U.S. Congress. As a retired Supreme Court Justice, former lieutenant governor, private practicing attorney, among other things, Mr. Borja is exceptionally and uniquely qualified to represent our interests in Washington, D.C.," said Torres.

Other featured speakers include Pete Arriola, Democratic Party vice chairman; Justo Quitugua, former Democratic congressman; and Roy Pangelinan, chairman of the Committee to Elect Jesse C. Borja.

Throughout the evening, there will be registration forms distributed to new and potential party members. Registration is free.

The Joe Sablan Band will provide live entertainment.

The gathering will also feature for the first time color-coded trash receptacles separating aluminum cans and plastic bottles from other forms of garbage. "The Democratic Party knows how to keep our island clean and we know what it means to be eco-friendly so we will be providing separate garbage bins for recyclable materials. We encourage the general public to do the same," said Torres.

The NMI Democratic Party is headquarted on the second floor of the JM Building on Beach Road in San Jose. For more information email nmidemocrats@gmail.com. For more information on Borja, visit www.sijessenai2010.com.

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Marianas Grazing Academy workshops on Rota, Tinian

The second series of workshops by the Northern Marianas College's Marianas Grazing Academy has been set for the islands of Tinian and Rota. The Rota workshops will be held on June 10-12 and the Tinian workshops on June 16-18, 2010. The sessions will be held at the NMC Instructional Sites on the respective islands, with registration beginning at 7:30am and activities following from 8am to 3:30pm each day.

The Academy is aimed at building local agricultural capacity and educating farmers and ranchers about increasing the economic viability of their products.

The workshops, which require no registration or participation fee, will include training on pasture and livestock management issues, including soil management, cattle breeds and genetic differences, grazing animal behavior, range and pasture animal nutrition, ruminant digestion, animal handling and facilities, and animal health and management. The workshops will also include farm visits, field activities, and an open discussion on the local beef industry.

The Academy, a project organized through a collaborative effort between the NMC Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service and experienced pasture, livestock, and soil specialists from the University of Hawaii, University of the Virgin Islands, and the University of Guam, seeks to enhance the production of high quality meat products, which can serve to improve food sustainability through the adoption of appropriate technologies and practices in grazing and livestock management.

"The scheduled workshops are continuations of the sessions we held earlier this year in February and March," said Dr. Allan Sabaldica, who heads the CREES Livestock Improvement Program. "We encourage local ranchers to take advantage of the information to be share at the sessions and look forward to another great turnout on both islands."

The Academy also seeks to provide local farmers, ranchers, technical resource personnel and other interagency collaborators with assistance and guidance in planning and developing special local projects to improve the economic viability of grazing activities in the CNMI.

To register for the workshops or for more information, contact Alejandro Badilles on Rota at 532-9513 or 285-9513 and Lawrence Duponcheel or Dr. Allan Sabaldica on Tinian at 433-0639 or 433-2576.

The Marianas Grazing Academy project is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Outreach for Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Program. ***(NMC)***

GIG disco has new chief adviser

With the recent grant of a casino gaming license, the Rota Hotel and Casino is now preparing to start the first phrase of its renovation later this month.

According to Watanabe Masahiro, president of the Rota Treasure Island Casino and Hotel, he wants the people of Rota and the CNMI to know that he will continue his efforts to bring employment and investment opportunities to the community.

Watanabe has also embarked on yet another venture: Rota Treasure Islands Corp. has joined forces with Aviz Corp. of the G.I.G Discotheque in an effort to revitalize the once busy Garapan tourist district. Watanabe has been appointed as chief adviser for the project and expects to see more activity with the operation under his care. Under its newest promotion, G.I.G. is waiving its $25 entrance fee and beers are only $1 each.

Watanabe is hopeful the community will welcome his ideas and take an active role and participate in getting the disco back to being a favorite weekend destination. There are plans for dance contests and other events. The promise of prize money for the winners should make participation more enticing. Portions of the proceeds from the dance contests and other events will be donated to educational and scholarship funds that have yet to be determined. For a fee, G.I.G is also available to rent for weddings, birthdays, parties and other events.

Watanabe said the purpose of this project is to bring consistency to their efforts to promote not only Rota but all of the CNMI, including Saipan and Tinian.

There are also plans to bring limousines to the island to service casino customers as well as the general tourism and local communities. The limousines will be available for weddings, parties, proms and other special occasions.

For more information regarding the disco and limousine services, contact the Rota Treasure Islands Corp. on Saipan at 235-7682. ***(PR)***

Cookie-Milk promo to draw winners June 5

It's going to be a busy Saturday at Subway.

After a successful run on Saipan, Foremost and Subway's "Some Good Things Go Together Promo" culminates in a grand raffle drawing on June 5, 2pm, at Subway Central Store in Gualo Rai.

Seven lucky winners of cell phone, hotel accommodation with meals, lunch buffet certificates, waterpark passes, and novelty items will be picked.

Coinciding with the drawing of winners is a sampling of Foremost products from 2pm to 3pm.

Buy any of two-footlong sandwiches (Turkey, Ham, Cold Cut Trio, Prime Ribs [in Gualo Rai only], Meatball, Tuna, Seafood-Crab, and BLT) for $10.

Visit Subway this Saturday. It may be your lucky day! ***(PR)***

BoH to host free seminar on the Basics of Banking

As part of its Smart Money series of seminars, the Bank of Hawaii is offering this month a free seminar on the "Basics of Banking."

This basic workshop will explore various deposit products offered at a bank including what's needed to open an account and how to manage it to avoid embarrassment. The objective of this seminar is to familiarize people with the different types of products offered so that they'll be able to select the services that best suits their needs.

In this seminar, you'll learn:

- What a checking account is and how to use it;
- What a debit card is and how to use it;
- How to avoid overdraft fees;

On Saipan, the seminar will be held on June 16, 2010, from 5:30pm to 6:30pm, at Bank of Hawaii's Garapan Branch along Pale Arnold Road in Puerto Rico. The speakers are Herminio Matsumoto and Joanne Aldan.

The same seminar will also be offered in Guam and Koror, Palau.

Bank of Hawaii's Smart Money Seminars are held as a community service throughout the year. They are free and open to anyone to attend. For more information, visit www.boh.com/pacificseminars.

One may also request a free seminar for the community, coworkers, or non-profit group. Just go to https://www.boh.com/landing-pages/965.asp to request for one. ***(BoH)***

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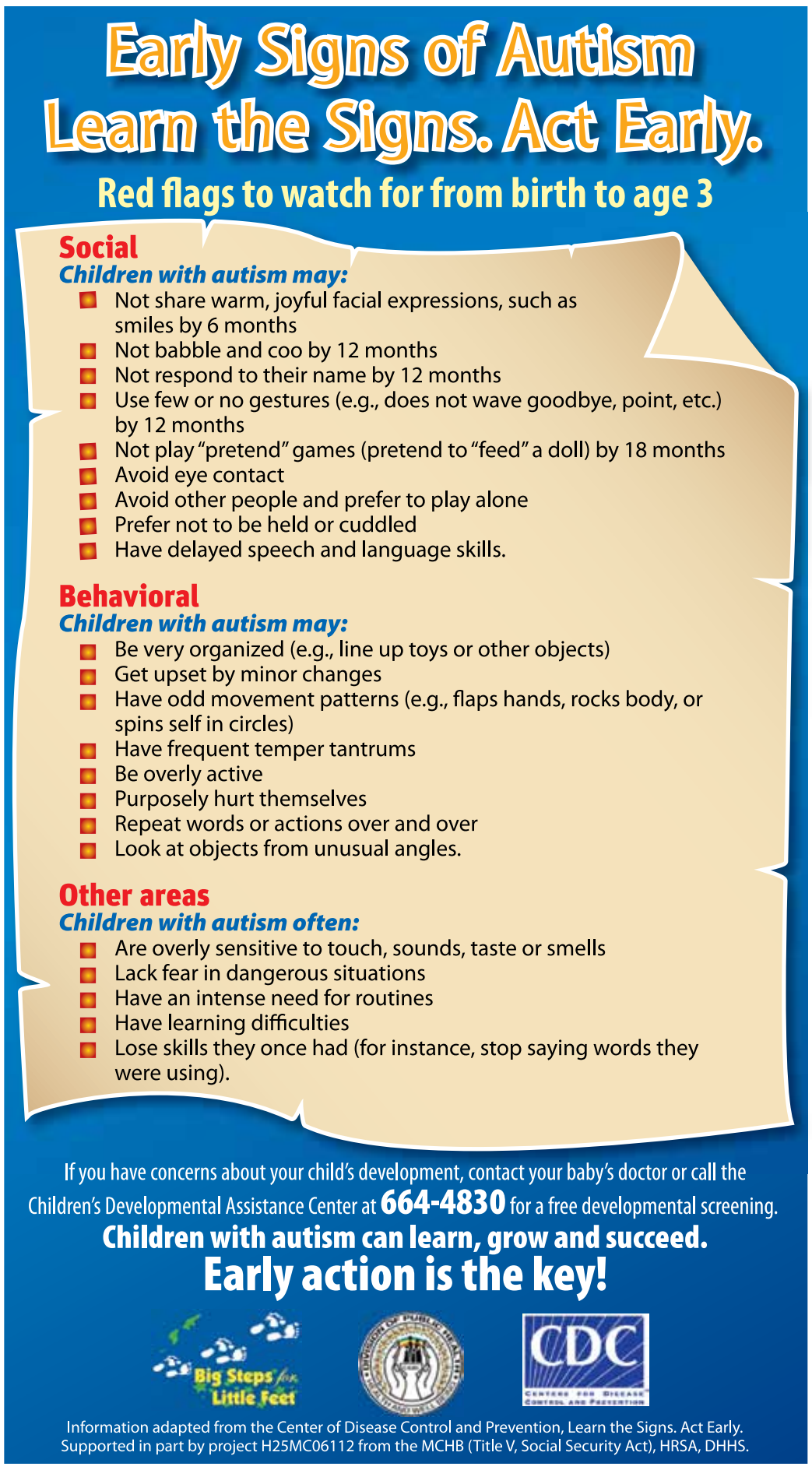
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Not share warm, joyful facial expressions, such as smiles by 6 months
Not babble and coo by 12 months
Not respond to their name by 12 months
Use few or no gestures (e.g., does not wave goodbye, point, etc.) by 12 months
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Avoid eye contact
Avoid other people and prefer to play alone
Prefer not to be held or cuddled
Have delayed speech and language skills.
Behavioral
Children with autism may:
Be very organized (e.g., line up toys or other objects)
Get upset by minor changes
Have odd movement patterns (e.g., flaps hands, rocks body, or spins self in circles)
Have frequent temper tantrums
Be overly active
Purposely hurt themselves
Repeat words or actions over and over
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Children with autism often:
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Business

BP faces another setback; oil slick threatens Fla.

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP)—The BP oil slick drifted perilously close to the Florida Panhandle's famous sugar-white beaches Wednesday as a risky gambit to contain the leak by shearing off the well pipe ran into trouble a mile under the sea when the diamond-tipped saw became stuck.

BP engineers will turn to giant shears to slice off the leaking pipe, said Lt. Commander Tony Russell, an aide to Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, the government's point man for the crisis. The saw had sliced through about half of the pipe when it snagged, and it took BP 12 hours to free it. The company said it hoisted the saw back to the surface after finally yanking it out of the pipe.

The plan is to fit a cap on the blown-out well at the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico to capture most of the spewing oil; the twisted, broken pipe must be sliced first to allow a snug fit. The company had said preparations were being made to resume cutting, but didn't give a timetable. The shears have already been used to slice off another part of the riser, but crews hoped to use the diamond saw to get a finer cut so they could use a dome that would fit the pipe more snugly.

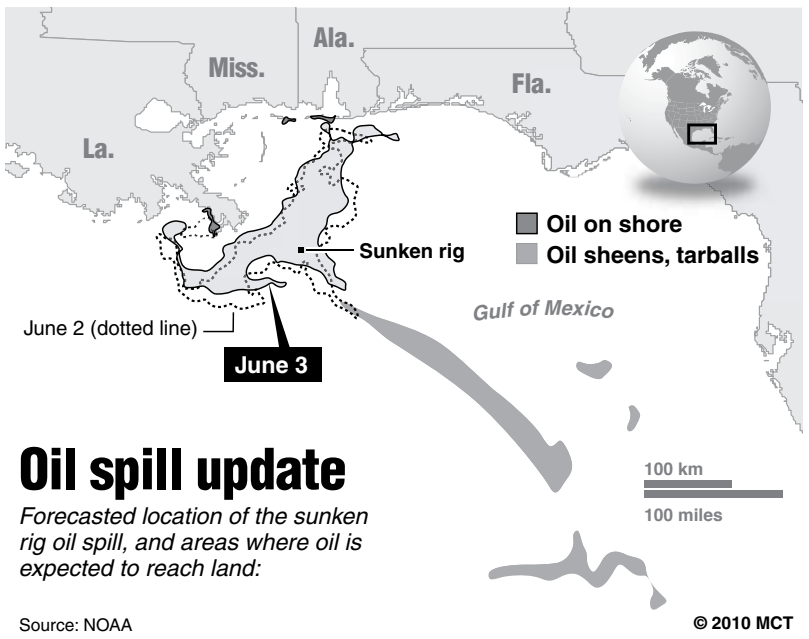
"I don't think the issue is whether or not we can make the second cut. It's about how fine we can make it, how smooth we can make it," Allen had said earlier.

As the edge of the slick drifted within seven miles of Pensacola's beaches, emergency workers rushed to link the last in a miles-long chain of booms designed to fend off the oil. They were slowed by thunderstorms and wind before the weather cleared in the afternoon.

Forecasters said the oil would probably wash up by Friday, threatening a delicate network of islands, bays and white-sand beaches that are a haven for wildlife and a major tourist destination dubbed the Redneck Riviera.

"We are doing what we can do, but we cannot change what has happened," said John Dosh, emergency director for Escambia County, which includes Pensacola.

Allen said more staff, boats and helicopters were sent to the eastern Gulf Coast as the slick spread, including a cutter in Mobile Bay, Ala., and one off Pensacola. The boats will help skim oil and add more boom to collect it. Four helicopters would help skimmers spot threatening oil.



European chill as G20 finance heads meet in SKorea

BUSAN, South Korea (AP)—Europe's debt woes are set to dominate talks as finance mandarins from the newly powerful G-20 group of rich and developing nations meet this week to push ahead with reforms of the global economy.

The continent's sovereign debt crisis has seemed like an echo of 2008 when a banking system breakdown in the United States pushed the world into its most serious economic crisis in 70 years and raised fears of another Great Depression.

World markets have tanked amid uncertainty over Europe's government finances. The Dow Jones industrial average declined 7.9 percent in May, though has recovered some of that loss so far in June, while the euro has sharply weakened amid fears for the single currency's viability.

Still, the volatility has not been on the scale of the market mayhem in 2008 following the collapse of Lehman Brothers Holdings. But it serves as a reminder of the massive task the G-20 has set for itself: reforming the global financial system to prevent another crisis and ensure economic stability.

South Korea, which assumed the rotating Group of 20 chair this year, is hosting the meeting of finance ministers and central bank governors in the southern port city of Busan on Friday and Saturday.

The G-20 is working on policy recommendations aimed at achieving what it calls "strong, sustainable and balanced growth" to hand to leaders at a pair of summits scheduled for this year—one in Canada later this month and another in Seoul in November.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Calif. moves to ban plastic bags at grocery stores

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—It could soon cost California shoppers at the checkout aisle if they forget to bring their own bags to the store under what would be the nation's first statewide plastic bag ban. The California Assembly on Wednesday passed legislation prohibiting pharmacies and grocery, liquor and convenience stores from giving out plastic bags. The bill also calls for customers to be charged for using store-issued paper bags. The goal is to get rid of unsightly disposable plastic bags that often wind up in urban rivers and the ocean, as well as to reduce the number of bags heading for landfills. "The biggest way to eliminate this kind of pollution is to ban it," said Assemblywoman Julia Brownley, D-Santa Monica, who authored the bill.

Oil rises to near $74 as US crude supplies drop

SINGAPORE (AP)—Oil prices rose to near $74 a barrel Thursday in Asia after a report showed U.S. crude inventories fell more than expected, suggesting consumer demand is growing. Benchmark crude for July delivery was up 79 cents at $73.65 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract rose 28 cents to settle at $72.86 on Wednesday. Crude supplies fell more than expected last week, dropping by 1.4 million barrels, the American Petroleum Institute said late Wednesday. Analysts had expected an increase of 1.0 million barrels, according to a survey by Platts, the energy information arm of McGraw-Hill Cos.

Treasury sees options available for AIG repayments

WASHINGTON (AP)—Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner on Wednesday looked past the collapse of an American International Group deal to sell off a subsidiary, saying the insurance giant has other options for paying back its $182 billion government bailout.

Geithner addressed the issue after Prudential PLC, a British company, said it was backing out of a deal to buy American International Assurance. The deal faltered after Prudential shareholders balked at the $35.5 billion price. AIG refused to accept less money.

Private analysts question whether AIG did the right thing in refusing to cut its asking price. Some say they wonder whether the taxpayers will ultimately be repaid.

But Geithner praised the company's decision to walk away from the Prudential offer.

"AIG is now free to pursue a bunch of other options to help maximize the return, reduce any risk of loss to the taxpayer," Geithner told reporters at the Treasury Department.

"They have got a very strong management team, a much stronger board in place, making incredibly impressive progress frankly in restructuring that entity ... putting us in a position that we can maximize the return to taxpayers as a whole," he said.

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting SEALED PROPOSALS for **PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) BRAND NEW DESKTOP COMPUTER, ONE (1) 55" HDTV MONITOR AND ONE (1) PORTABLE COMPUTER CART** to the following airports:

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All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: ***"Proposal for the Procurement and Delivery of One (1) Desktop Computer, One (1) 55" HDTV Monitor and One (1) Portable Computer Cart".*** The proposal must be submitted on or before **4:30 p.m., Monday, JUNE 14, 2010,** to the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

The procurement consists of the procurement and delivery of the above-subject equipment to each respective island's Airport Authority, all in accordance with the specifications. The specifications for the computers, the monitors and the carts can be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd floor of the arrival building at the Saipan International Airport. The specifications for the computer are mandated by the Federal Aviation Adminsitration so there will be absolutely no substitution of components for desktop computer system.

All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and all taxes and shipping and handling costs that will be charged to the company awarded the procurement, including excise tax. CPA will not consider unjustifiable cost escalations due to unforeseen circumstances once contract is executed.

The contract period for delivery of all equipment to each respective island shall be **THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS** from issuance of purchase order.

Inquiries regarding this Request for Proposals may be delivered to the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority at the Saipan International Airport, faxed to (670) 234-5962 or emailed to cpa.admin@pticom.com no later than June 7, 2010.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations Section 3.6. CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

MARYANN Q. LIZAMA
Acting Executive Director

June 1, 2010
Date

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
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Pursuant to P. L. 8-41, Section 11, Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy Inos, through the Board of Professional Licensing (BPL) are hereby giving notice that it will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at 9:00a.m. on Saipan. The meeting will be held at the Board's office at Bldg. #1242, Pohnpei Ct., Capitol Hill, Saipan. Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

AGENDA

I. Meeting Call to Order
II. Determination of Quorum
III. Review and Adoption of Agenda
IV. Review and Adoption of Minutes (3/9/10)
V. Chairman's Report
VI. Director's Report
VII. Investigator's Report
VIII. Communications from the Governor's Office & Legislature
  A. Governor's Office
  B. Legislature
IX. Old Business:
  A. S.B. 17-08 To Require All Contractors to be license in the CNMI
X. New Business:
  A. Proposed Amendments to the Regulations for Real Property Appraisers
  B. Real Estate Brokers/Agents
XI. Applications for Board's Review
  A. New/Renewal Applications
  B. Pending Applications
XII. Miscellaneous Business:
  A. Contract Renewal for Executive Director
XIV. Executive Session – The Board may vote to meet in Executive Session
XV. Announcements
XVI. Adjournment of Meeting

/s/ Francisco Q. Guerrero
Chairman

Nation

ACROSS THE NATION

Ex-JonBenet suspect sought after alleged threats

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Police are seeking the whereabouts of the man who once falsely claimed to have murdered JonBenet Ramsey after a former acquaintance told authorities that he threatened to kill her if she revealed his attempts to form cult of little girls to have sex with him. Samantha Spiegel, 19, claimed in a request for a restraining order against John Mark Karr that he made "ongoing death threats" and "threats of sexual exploitation to children" in e-mails and instant messages. The order was granted on April 19, but Spiegel's attorney said Karr has not been served because he could not be found. Officer Alberto Esparza, a department spokesman, said Wednesday that Karr's "whereabouts are unknown." "Our primary concern is the victim's safety," he said. "San Francisco police takes these threats very seriously and we're doing everything we can to continue the investigation and bring it to a close." Spiegel told NBC's "Today" show that she had known Karr since she was 9, when he was a teacher at her school in San Francisco. She said they later became engaged. Karr is now living as a woman.

Brooklyn Bridge getting a $500 million makeover

NEW YORK (AP)—The Brooklyn Bridge has been through a lot in its 127 years, and now the New York icon needs a facelift. The famous 1.1-mile suspension bridge is getting a $500 million makeover, a project that includes a complete repainting and the repair of elements that were part of its original construction. Vice President Joe Biden joined Mayor Michael Bloomberg Wednesday to mark the beginning of the rehab, which is set to be completed in four years. The federal economic recovery act provided $30 million for the effort; the rest of the funding comes from the city and other federal sources.

Female SC gov hopeful denies claim of 2nd affair

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)—A South Carolina lobbyist resigned from a rival political campaign on Wednesday and then became the second man to claim he had a tryst with a Republican lawmaker trying to become the state's first female governor. Lobbyist Larry Marchant admitted he had no proof to back up his allegation of a one-night stand with state Rep. Nikki Haley in 2008 and her campaign vehemently denied the allegation. The claim became the latest political drama for a state that was roiled when Gov. Mark Sanford made a tearful confession last summer to sneaking out of the country to rendezvous with an Argentine woman. Earlier in the day, Marchant resigned from the campaign of Lt. Gov. Andre Bauer, who is competing with Haley for the GOP nomination in the June 8 primary.

Load of bottled vodka sauce falls, kills NY worker

EAST FARMINGDALE, N.Y. (AP)—Police say two pallets loaded with bottles of vodka sauce have fallen onto a worker at a New York packing plant, killing her. Suffolk County homicide detectives are investigating the death of Yolanda Gonzalez at L&S Packing in East Farmingdale, about 25 miles east of New York City. Police say the Lake Ronkonkoma (ron-KONK'-uh-muh) woman was labeling canned tomatoes Tuesday evening when the nearby pallets toppled over. Co-workers tried to help the 39-year-old shipping manager by removing the debris, but she died at the scene. The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration has been notified. A Wednesday night telephone call to the packing facility hasn't been returned.

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World

Holloway suspect sought in Peru murder

LIMA, Peru (AP)—A young Dutchman previously arrested in the 2005 disappearance of Alabama teen Natalee Holloway is the prime suspect in the weekend murder of a Peruvian woman, police said Wednesday. Joran van der Sloot is being sought for Sunday's killing of 21-year-old Stephany Flores in a Lima hotel, police chief Gen. Cesar Guardia told a news conference. He said the suspect crossed into Chile the next day by bus.

The Dutch government said Interpol has issued an international arrest warrant for van der Sloot.

Guardia said the 22-year-old Dutchman, in Peru for a poker tournament, appears with the young woman in a video taken at a Lima casino early Sunday and

AP

In this undated photo from Peru's National Identitfication Registry is seen Stephany Flores.

the two were later seen entering the hotel by one of its employees.

The victim's father, circus empresario and former race car driver Ricardo Flores, says his daughter dropped off some girlfriends at 2:35 a.m. then apparently returned to the casino. She and van der Sloot were seen entering the hotel room about 5 a.m., said Guardia, and the Dutchman departed alone about four hours later.

"We have an interview with a worker at the hotel who says she saw this foreigner with the victim enter his room," said Guardia.

Stephany Flores' body was found face down on the hotel room floor on Wednesday, abrasions on her face and body, and signs of trauma, the police general said. He said she was clothed.

Asked if she had been asphyxiated, Guardia said he was awaiting autopsy results for the exact cause of death.

The killing occurred exactly five years after the May 30, 2005, disappearance of Holloway in Aruba, a Dutch Caribbean island.

WORLD BRIEFS

Turks try to identify dead activists

ISTANBUL (AP)—The head of an Islamic charity group that organized the pro-Palestiniang aid flotilla to Gaza says the beating of some Israeli soldiers during a bloody raid that killed nine activists was in self defense. Bulent Yildirim, who was deported from Israel along with hundreds of activists, says activists also seized weapons of some Israeli soldiers but threw them into the sea. He says the activists attacked the Israeli commandos with chairs and sticks in self defense. Yildirim says Thursday "even if had used the guns that would be still a legitimate self defense," accusing Israel of raiding the ships in international waters on Monday. Yildirim vowed to organize bigger convoys by land and sea if Israel does not end the blockade of Gaza.

UK taxi driver kills 12, wounds 25 in rampage

SEASCALE, England (AP)—A taxi driver drove his vehicle on a shooting spree across a tranquil stretch of northwest England on Wednesday, methodically killing 12 people and wounding 25 others before turning the gun on himself, officials said. The rampage in the county of Cumbria was Britain's deadliest mass shooting since 1996 and it jolted a country where handguns are banned and multiple shootings rare. The body of the suspected gunman, 52-year-old Derrick Bird, was found in woods near Boot, a hamlet popular with hikers and vacationers in England's hilly, scenic Lake District. Police said two weapons were recovered from the scene. Eight of the wounded were in the hospital, with three of them in critical condition. In a sign of the scale of the tragedy, Queen Elizabeth II issued a message saying she was "deeply shocked" and shared in "the grief and horror of the whole country." She passed on her sympathy to the families of the victims.

Finance chief Kan seen as Japan's likely next PM

TOKYO (AP)—Finance Minister Naoto Kan, a straight-talking fiscal conservative, appeared to be emerging as Japan's next prime minister as support among ruling party members coalesced around him Thursday. Major Japanese morning papers nearly all predicted that Kan—a veteran politician with a reputation for standing up to Japan's powerful bureaucrats—would take the place of Yukio Hatoyama, who resigned as prime minister Wednesday after just eight months in office amid public disgust with his broken campaign promises. Kan, 63, declared he will run in Friday's ruling party election to choose a new leader. Because the Democratic Party of Japan controls a majority of the more powerful lower house of parliament, the new party chief will almost certainly become prime minister.

RP troops kill 3 communist rebels in clash

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Military officials say troops have clashed with about 20 communist rebels in the northern Philippines, killing three guerrillas and capturing three others, including one wounded. The country's communist insurgency, one of Asia's longest-running, has raged on despite a deadline by outgoing President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo for the military to crush the rebels by the end of her term on June 30. Army spokesman Maj. Ronald Jess Alcudia says a soldier was wounded in the fighting that broke out before dawn Thursday in Batangas province's Taysan township, 56 miles (90 kilometers) south of Manila. Several firearms also were recovered. He says troops responded to a tipoff from civilians that rebels were in the village of Mabayabas.

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
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AMENDED REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 01
NMHC RFP 2010-R-005

ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE SAIPAN LEADERSHIP MEMORIAL KIOS KU PROJECT, PHASE II

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, is soliciting Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Architectural and Engineering Design Services for the Saipan Leadership Memorial Kios Ku Project, Phase II, Chalan Kanoa Village, District No. 2, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This design services is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under its Community Development Block Grant, through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009(CDBG-R).

Local Business Preference as amended by Public Law 15-95 and further amended by Public Law 15-118, is not available to local proposers in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal Law granting the funding for this project.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations dated May 24, 2001. Proposals procedures shall be in full compliance with section 4-102 of the regulations.

Prior to being awarded a design contract, the firm or company must have or obtain a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Board of Professional Licensing.

The Scope of Work (SOW) will be available on or after **Wednesday, May 19, 2010**, at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation's Office, Saipan. No fees required in obtaining the proposal package. Pre-Proposal Conference is schedule on **Tuesday, June 1, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation's Office Conference Room. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Joshua T. Sasamoto, Corporate Director, NMHC, Saipan, fax to (670) 234-9021 no later than **Wednesday, June 2, 2010, 4:30 p.m.**, local time.

Proposers must submit with their proposal a Project Approach and Schedule of completion, with details how the work will be accomplished by the consultants, given the time requirements and resources available as identified in their proposals.

Proposers shall also submit a separate statement of qualifications (names and experience) not to exceed twenty five (25) pages. Note that firm that submits a proposal as a prime consultant, cannot submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, only subcontractor may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Proposal will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Professional qualifications necessary for satisfactory performance of services – 30%
2. Project approach – 20%
3. Capacity to accomplished the work in the required time – 25%
4. Past performance on contract with Government on similar projects – 25%

Proposals must be sealed and marked **NMHC RFP 2010-R-005: Architectural and Engineering Design Services for the Saipan Leadership Memorial Kios Ku Project, Phase II**. For proposal within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, **Tuesday, June 08, 2010**. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) workings for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to submit proposal must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, **Tuesday, June 08, 2010**, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement @pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be marked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal services of a foreign country no later than **Tuesday, June 08, 2010** AND must be received no later than **Tuesday, June 15, 2010**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

AMENDED OPENING DATE: Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **Wednesday, June 16, 2010.** However, if no Notices of Intent to Bid are received from bidders outside of the CNMI, the bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m., local time, **Tuesday, June 08, 2010.**

Discussion shall be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the contract requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

A contract shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect-engineer firm at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price can not be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms maybe selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon;

The successful proposer(s) will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with CNMI Procurement and Supply Regulations Section 3-301.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer(s) awarded a contract for this project, including excise tax.

The government reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals and to waive any imperfections in any Proposal in the best interest of the Government. All Proposals shall become the property of the Government.

/s/ Marcie M. Tomokane
Board Chairwoman & Contracting Officer

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
Division of Procurement & Supply

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
CUC-RFP-10-028

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms for the supply of (2) Two Bucket Trucks (Aerial Lift) for CUC Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Bucket Trucks will be used to carry out major repairs to 13.8kV distribution Feeder #3, and to grad Feeder-1 and Feeder-2 from 4.160 kV to 13.8kV.

The Scope-of-Work and Bid package will be **e-mailed** upon request to all interested offeror, by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holiday, **until June 11, 2010.**

One (1) Original and Six (1) Copies must be submitted in a seal envelope marked " CUC-RFP 10-028, Rota Bucket Trucks" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room No. 4, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **June 18, 2010 AM, (CHST) local time.** Late submissions and conditional proposal will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the proposal. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety acceptable to the CNMI Office of the Attorney General. A performance and payment bond of hundred (100%) percent each of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety for proposal security or other surety acceptable to the CNMI Office of the Attorney General. No advance payment will be authorized on the project on an Irrevocable Letter of Credit (100% aggregate contract cost/ CUC Beneficiary) or a payment bond. All insurers questions, concerns and qualification should be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Offerors must submit a Clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposal and wave any imperfection to CUC-RFP-10-028 in the interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM local time on June 15, 2010 10:00 AM (CHST)** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr., Procurement and Supply Manager via email at msablan@cucgov.net, Mr. Wallon Young, Deputy Director Power System Rehabilitation via email at wallon59@yahoo.com and Mr. Charles Manglona, Deputy Director, CUC Rota at charles@cucgov.net.

/s/ ABE UTU MALAE
Assistant Executive Director for Operation

/s/ ANTONIO S. MUNA
Executive Director

Off The Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Police: Man accidentally shoots self in testicles

SEATTLE (AP)—Police said a man accidentally shot himself in the testicles at a Lynnwood department store. Police spokeswoman Shannon Sessions said the man was carrying his handgun in his waistband and it accidentally went off about noon Sunday. She said he was wounded in the testicles and also in his leg and foot. No one else was hurt. The man was rushed to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, but there was no immediate word on his condition.

Pa. pair born in same hospital on same day to wed

EASTON, Pa. (AP)—An engaged eastern Pennsylvania couple were born on the same day in the same hospital - and their mothers even shared a room in the maternity ward. Amy Singley and Steven Smith were born at St. Luke's Hospital in Fountain Hill on April 17, 1986. After the mothers were hospital roommates, the two families continued to interact through their church in Easton. Smith asked Singley on a date to the movies when they were sophomores in high school. Singley says she knew Smith was the right guy for her after their second date. She says people are convinced the 24-year-olds were "destined to be together." They plan to get married June 12.

Man arrested in airport breach agrees to treatment

DETROIT (AP)—An Ohio man accused of walking through a passenger screening checkpoint at Detroit Metropolitan Airport without a boarding pass has reached a deal with prosecutors in which he's undergoing psychiatric treatment. The U.S. attorney's office in Detroit says Kalyan L. Policherla agreed last month to a year of treatment and other terms. In exchange, a misdemeanor charge of violating federal security requirements was dismissed. Defense lawyer William Hill says Policherla has a history of mental illness. Authorities say the Bryan, Ohio, man walked through a checkpoint on Feb. 8, prompting an evacuation of the airport in the Detroit suburb of Romulus.

Wildlife officials find baby elk left on doorstep

LA GRANDE, Ore. (AP)—Congratulations, wildlife officials! It's a baby elk. Officials at a U.S. Forest Service office in La Grande, Ore., last week found a baby elk left on their doorstep along Highway 30. It was dropped off Wednesday night and is estimated to be less than two weeks old. Officials are seeking the person who brought in the baby elk to find out where they originally found it, so that it can be returned to its mother. They say the baby elk probably was not abandoned, because mother elk regularly leave their babies hiding in tall grass or brush while they divert a threat, such as a coyote, and then return to their young. Officials believe the person who found the baby likely thought the animal was lost and needed to be saved.

Police: Man calls 911 about mom taking his beer

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla. (AP)—A 32-year-old Pasco County man who called 911 to complain about his mother is facing criminal charges. According to a sheriff's office arrest report, Charles Dennison told a deputy that his mother took his beer and he wanted her arrested. Dennison was reportedly "very intoxicated" when the deputy arrived at the New Port Richey home. Dennison told the deputy that he would keep calling emergency responders if his mother wasn't charged. He has been charged with making false 911 calls and was jailed on $150 bond.

COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION
SCHEDULE OF ELECTRIC CHARGES AND RATES
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2010

The Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission's Decision and Order (Docket 09-01) of May 28, 2010, has established an aggregate Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause (LEAC) rate of $0.24446 per kWh effective June 1, 2010, and continuing until changed by Commission order.

CUSTOMER CLASSIFICATIONS	MONTHLY CUSTOMER CHARGE	RATES PER KILOWATT-HOUR (kWh) ELECTRIC NON-FUEL RATE (BASE RATE)	LEAC RATE	TOTAL RATE PER kWh
RESIDENTIAL	$ 5.60			
1. First 500 kWh (1 To 500)		$ 0.016	$ 0.24446	$ 0.26046
2. Second 500 kWh (501 To 1,000)		0.066	0.24446	0.31046
3. Next 1,000 kWh (1,001 To 2,000)		0.086	0.24446	0.33046
4. All kWh After 2,000 (Over 2,000)		0.127	0.24446	0.37146
COMMERCIAL (All kWh Billed)	$ 7.67	$ 0.086	$ 0.24446	$ 0.33046
GOVERNMENT (All kWh Billed)	$ 7.67	$ 0.091	$ 0.24446	$ 0.33546
NON-CONFORMING LOAD (All kWh Billed)	$ 56.00	$ 0.222	$ 0.24446	$ 0.46646

PREVIOUS ELECTRIC FUEL/LEAC RATES

JANUARY 2008	$	0.258	AUGUST 2008	$	0.413
FEBRUARY 2008	$	0.253	SEPTEMBER 2008	$	0.362
MARCH 2008 (RES. ONLY)	$	0.176	OCTOBER 2008	$	0.337
MARCH 2008 (ALL OTHERS)	$	0.288	NOVEMBER 2008	$	0.270
APRIL 2008 (RES. ONLY)	$	0.176	DECEMBER 2008	$	0.207
APRIL 2008 (ALL OTHERS)	$	0.327	JANUARY 2009	$	0.22989
MAY 2008 (RES. ONLY, 5/1 - 2/08)	$	0.176	FEBRUARY 2009	$	0.22989
MAY 2008 (RES. ONLY, 5/3 - 31/08)	$	0.357	MARCH 2009	$	0.22989
MAY 2008 (ALL OTHERS)	$	0.357	APRIL 1 - 2, 2009	$	0.22989
JUNE 2008	$	0.387	APRIL 3, 2009 - SEPTEMBER 2009	$	0.20147
JULY 2008	$	0.413	OCTOBER 2009 - MAY 2010	$	0.20147

* These new rates apply to a customer's electricity use on and after June 1, 2010. For electricity used before that date, the old rates apply.

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
State Board of Education
Public School System
P. O. Box 501370, Saipan, MP 96950

INVITATION FOR BID
PSS-IFB-10-059

"A/C REPLACEMENT AND UPGRADE FOR TINIAN ELEMENTARY AND TINIAN HIGH SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for the **A/C Replacement and Upgrade for Tinian Elementary and Tinian High School on Tinian,** Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package are available beginning on May 28, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of $43.00.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on June 16, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at Tinian Elementary Library on Tinian. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than June 23, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked, IFB-10-059, and submitted with one original and three (3) copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 9:00 a.m, local time, June 29, 2010. If no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be publicly opened at 9:00 a.m. local time July 1, 2010 in the 2nd floor Conference Room, NMI Retirement Fund Building.

Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Procurement Officer no later than 9:00 a.m., local time on June 29, 2010 and may be transmitted via fax to (670) 664-3791 or e-mail to robert_florian@cnmipss.org. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and three copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal services of a foreign country no later than June 29, 2010 and must be received no later than July 7, 2010 in which case all bids will be opened at 9:00 a.m., July 12, 2010.

This project is funded under the AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) with "Buy America" Provisions.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement & Supply Officer

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
State Board of Education
Public School System
P. O. Box 501370, Saipan, MP 96950

INVITATION FOR BID
PSS IFB 10-063

"LAPTOPS FOR AGAPE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting competitive sealed bids for the purchase of "**Laptops for Agape Christian School".** The Scope of Work is available beginning June 4, 2010 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950. Faxed request maybe sent to 664-3791.

Questions must be in writing and addressed to Robert Florian, Procurement Officer via fax at (670) 664-3791 or e-mail to the following address: robert.florian@cnmipss.org.

Bids must be placed in a sealed envelope marked **"IFB 10-063"** containing one (1) original with three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd Floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than June 18, 2010 at 9:00 a.m., at which time, bids will be publicly opened. Any bids received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer

Science & Technology

China supercomputer named world's second-fastest

BEIJING (AP)—A Chinese supercomputer has been ranked the world's second-fastest machine in a list issued by U.S. and European researchers, highlighting China's ambitions to become a global technology center.

The Nebulae system at the National Supercomputing Centre in Shenzhen in southern China came in behind the U.S. Department of Energy's Jaguar in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, according to the list released Monday.

Supercomputers are used for complex work such as modeling weather systems, simulating nuclear explosions and designing jetliners.

The semiannual TOP500 list highlighted Beijing's efforts to join the United States, Europe and Japan in the global technology elite and its sharp increases in research spending, driven by booming economic growth.

It also reflected China's continued reliance on Western know-how: Nebulae was built by China's Dawning Information Industry Ltd. but uses processors from Intel Corp. and Nvidia Corp., both American companies.

The Nebulae is capable of sustained computing of 1.271 petaflops—or 1,271 trillion calculations—per second, according to TOP500. It said the Jaguar was capable of sustained computing of 1.75 petaflops.

The Chinese computer ranked first in theoretical computing speed at 2.98 petaflops, the group said. The list was compiled by Hans Meuer of the University of Mannheim, Germany; Erich Strohmaier and Horst Simon of NERSC/Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and Jack Dongarra of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

The communist Beijing government wants China to evolve from a low-cost factory into an prosperous "innovation society." A 15-year government plan issued in 2006 promises support for areas ranging from computers to lasers to genetics.

Boosted by Nebulae's performance, China rose to No. 2 overall on the TOP500 list with 24 of the 500 systems on the list and 9.2 percent of global supercomputing capacity, up from 21 systems six months ago.

The United States held onto its overall lead with 282 of the 500 systems and 55.4 percent of installed performance.

Europe had 144 systems on the list, including 38 in Britain, 29 in France and 24 in Germany.

Elsewhere in Asia, Japan had 18 supercomputers on the list, up from 16 six months ago, and India had five.

Apple's Jobs says iPad idea came before iPhone

RANCHO PALOS VERDES, Calif. (AP)—Apple Inc. CEO Steve Jobs shared a secret with his audience at a technology conference outside Los Angeles Tuesday: The idea for the iPad came before the iPhone.

The idea to ditch the keyboard for what Jobs calls a multi-touch display came about in the early 2000s, although the company was working on a telephone at the time, he said. That's when a prototype was brought to him that used the device's now-famous scrolling mechanism.

"I thought, 'My God we can build a phone out of this,'" Jobs said at The Wall Street Journal's "D: All Things Digital" conference in Rancho Palos Verdes.

But the tablet product was put on the shelf, the iPhone went into development for several years before making its debut in 2007 and Apple only started selling the iPad tablet computer in April.

Both products have taken on more of the personal computing tasks once handled by computers running Microsoft Corp.'s Windows operating system and other programs.

TABLET CRAZE
Lee Hui, Delta Electronics Inc. company manager, displays Delta's 13" colorful E-magazine on the first day of Taiwan COMPUTEX 2010 at the Taipei World Trade Center, Tuesday, June 1, 2010, in Taipei, Taiwan. The color model—expected to go on sale by December—uses particle-based technologies that Delta has developed in collaboration with Japan's Bridgestone Corp., in contrast with ink-based technologies available in the market. The 13-inch display would allow users to read a magazine page by page without scrolling it up and down like the smaller sized e-readers on the market. E-Magazine is about half the weight of Apple Inc.'s iPad.

Q&A Upgraded router fouls iTunes connectivity

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

QUESTION: Six months ago, I upgraded my residential Qwest DSL Internet speed. As a result, Qwest required me to replace my existing home wireless router with an Actiontec PK5000 model.

After that, I found that I could no longer wirelessly share iTunes between my home computers, and that my iPhone remote control app no longer worked with iTunes.

Qwest sent a replacement router, but it didn't work right, either.

A Google search shows that other Qwest customers have had same problem. I've gotten no help from Qwest nor Actiontec. Can you help?—Claud Ethen, Tucson, Ariz.

ANSWER: Actiontec has developed a software patch that should fix the problem, said spokeswoman Lesley Kirchman. Because your modem was designed for Qwest's DSL service, Qwest is now testing the patch before releasing it, she said. Qwest won't say how long that will take.

"When it's ready, the fix will automatically be pushed to the small percentage of customers who have affected modems," said Qwest spokeswoman Monica Martinez.

Let me know if you receive the patch and if it fixes your problem.

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Q: I have a Windows Vista laptop that belonged to my brother, who recently died. But the PC is password-protected, and I can't log in. I have tried every password combination I can think of, and the Windows password "hint" doesn't help. Can you point me toward any legal password-cracking programs?—Dudley Parsons, Rochester, Minn.

A: I haven't tried any of these Vista-compatible programs, so I can't vouch for their effectiveness or ease of use. They are the free Password Cracker, available at tinyurl.com/39kq3hq; Active@ Password Changer, $39.99, at tinyurl.com/2v84yxq; and Windows Password Cracker, $24, at tinyurl.com/3yv95sr.

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Q: Is there a simple way to do multiple highlights in a document and then copy and paste the information to another document? I'd like to copy several text sections and choose which ones I copy where in another document.—Brian Harris, Ottawa, Ontario

A: Use Microsoft Word. But rather than copy multiple text selections directly to another document, you first need to copy them to the Word "clipboard" (found under the "edit" heading in older versions of Word, and at the top left of the "home" toolbar in Word 2007.)

You can copy multiple text snippets one at a time to the clipboard, then copy all or some of them from the clipboard to a new document.

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Northern Mariana Islands RETIREMENT FUND

PUBLIC FORUM ON RETIREMENT ISSUES

The Retirement Fund Board of Trustees, together with the Administrator and Deputy Administrator, would be holding a Public Forum to address the issues affecting the Retirement Fund Program.

Date: Tuesday, June 15, 2010
Place: Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe, Saipan
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Open Forum
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. – Fund Presentation

All retirees and active members of the Retirement Fund are encouraged to attend this forum to gain better knowledge and understanding of the issues and the efforts being made by the Retirement Fund in protecting the Program.

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NOTICE OF AUCTION
IN THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, hereinafter referred to as NMHC, as auctioneer and seller, hereby gives notice that all of the rights, title, and interests of the following described real property situated in Garapan, Saipan, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Lot No. 003 D 02 (Formerly Block 1 Lot 2), as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat Number 003 D 00 dated February 19, 1971, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry on the 1st day of March, 1971, as Document No. 689, and containing an area of 1,022 square meters, more or less, together with the improvements and fixtures located thereon and therein and the appurtenances and all the rights, title, and interest of, in, and to the land lying in all streets, highways, and rights of ways abutting on or appurtenant to said premises.

Minimum Bid: The minimum bid for the property mentioned above in this notice shall be **$90,000.00.**

The auction will be open to the general public and will be held at NMHC's conference room, Garapan, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 11, 2010, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. Reserve: The auction sale shall be held with reserve.
2. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer: Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, auctioneer and seller shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
   a. To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
   b. To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c. To reject any and all bids.
3. Bids: Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Mr. Joshua T. Sasamoto, Corporate Director, NMHC, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950; Telephone: 234-6866; Facsimile: 234-9021; or to Mr. Vicente T. Salas, Esq., P.O. Box 501309, Saipan, MP 96950; Telephone: 234-7455; Facsimile: 234-7256.
4. Deposit: Payment: A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within three (3) calendar days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within three (3) calendar days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title, and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to NMHC.
5. Change of Terms: Auctioneer and NMHC reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
6. Inspection and No Warranty: Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact NMHC for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

Dated this 7th day of May, 2010.

/s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO, Corporate Director

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE THE GUARDIANSHIP OF SISTINA RABAULIMAN, An Incompetent, By **CECILIA MAREHAM RABAULIMAN,** Petitioners.	FCD GU CIVIL ACTION NO. 10-0291

ORDER SETTING HEARING FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIANSHIP FOR INCOMPETENT PERSON

Upon petition of the petitioner, and with good cause appearing therefore, a hearing on the petitioners petition for the appointment as guardian Joaquina Aldan Rabauliman shall be heard on the 15th day of June, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. Petitioner shall cause this order to be personally sreved on the alledged incompetent person must appear or be produced at the hearing scheduled on the date and time set forth above unless satisfactory proof by affidavit or testimony of a duly licensed physician, surgeon, or medical officer shows that he is unable to attend because of physical inability. Except, that, if the alleged incompetent person is a patient at a hospital in the Commonwealth, and affidavit of the medical director of the hospital to the effect that such patient is unable to attend, shall be prima facie evidence of the fact.

It is further ORDERED that Notice of Hearing and nature of the proceedings shall be personally served or mailed at least 10 days before such hearing date to each of the spouse, parents and children, or adult siblings of the alleged incompetent person residing in the Commonwealth. Any relative or friend of the alleged incompetent person may appear and oppose petition.

SO ORDERED this 26th day of May 2010.

/s/ KENNETH L. GOVENDO
Associate Judge

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE THE GUARDIANSHIP OF JOAQUINA ALDAN RABAULIMAN, An Incompetent, By **CECILIA MAREHAM RABAULIMAN,** Petitioners.	FCD GU CIVIL ACTION NO. 10-0284

ORDER SETTING HEARING FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIANSHIP FOR INCOMPETENT PERSON

Upon petition of the petitioner, and with good cause appearing therefore, a hearing on the petitioners petition for the appointment as guardian Joaquina Aldan Rabauliman shall be heard on the 15th day of June, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. Petitioner shall cause this order to be personally sreved on the alledged incompetent person must appear or be produced at the hearing scheduled on the date and time set forth above unless satisfactory proof by affidavit or testimony of a duly licensed physician, surgeon, or medical officer shows that he is unable to attend because of physical inability. Except, that, if the alleged incompetent person is a patient at a hospital in the Commonwealth, and affidavit of the medical director of the hospital to the effect that such patient is unable to attend, shall be prima facie evidence of the fact.

It is further ORDERED that Notice of Hearing and nature of the proceedings shall be personally served or mailed at least 10 days before such hearing date to each of the spouse, parents and children, or adult siblings of the alleged incompetent person residing in the Commonwealth. Any relative or friend of the alleged incompetent person may appear and oppose petition.

SO ORDERED this 21st day of May 2010.

/s/ KENNETH L. GOVENDO
Associate Judge

Island Snapshots

SUGAR DOCK CLEANUP
Morito Asai, Patrick Cepeda, Kompek Terry, Richard Sikklel, Morphy Namelo and boat captain Manny Camacho from the Aquasmith Dive Shop all gathered at Sugar Dock on May 18, 2010, to conduct a beach and underwater cleanup. They managed to gather all kinds of trash such as broken bottles, plastic plates/fork/spoon and lots of beer and soda cans which were all probably swept in by the tides.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

DELTA DONATION
Delta Air Lines donates $1,000 in school and office supplies from National Office Supply to Tanapag Elementary School. The proceeds were from the 2009 Delta Air Lines Golf Tournament for Children's Education. All funds raised at the annual tournament are donated to various children's educational charities or activities in the CNMI. Photo shows, from left, Delta sales representative Christopher A. Concepcion, Tanapag Elementary School vice principal Dominic C. Camacho, Delta sales representative Esther F. Sound and TES administrative assistant Juana C. Blas.

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HANMI DONATION
BK Park, vice chairman of the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, presents a $1,000 check to Detective Jesse Dubrall of the Department of Public Safety at the Taste of the Marianas on Saturday, May 30, to help support the Bike Patrol Program in the tourist district of Garapan. The money will be used for bike maintenance and repairs. A portion of the proceeds raised at this Saturday's HANMI Charity Golf Classic Tournament will be donated to other charitable causes in the community, including the Victims Assistance Fund for victims of the 2009 shooting incident on Saipan.

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AQUACULTURE WORKSHOP
NMC-CREES aquaculture specialist Michael Ogo presents to participants of the recently held planning session on Saipan for the CNM Aquaculture Development Plan. The session was held at the Fiesta Resort & Spa's Hibiscus Hall.

NMC-CREES

MICE TRAVELERS
As the Korean economy continues to recover, the Northern Mariana Islands is seeing more arrivals of MICE travelers, those traveling for Meetings, Incentives, Conferencing, or Exhibits. One hundred fifty-five employees of Korea Life group vacationed here and visited the Korean Peace Memorial on Saipan in mid-May. Also in May, Lotte DFS Busan, Hanwha Life, and One Cashing sent groups to the Northern Marianas for a total of nearly 500 MICE travelers from Korea.

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SUPPORT FOR THE HUMANITIES
Winzler and Kelly Consulting Engineers Saipan office manager Fred Smith, right, presents a $5,000 check to NMI Council for the Humanities board chair Tracy M. Guerrero. Also pictured, from left, are council program officer Merced A. Ada and council development committee chair Joann T. Aquino. The Council will use this donation to support its Motheread Family Literacy program.

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TINIAN ABE GRADUATES
The graduating class of the Northern Marianas College Tinian Adult Basic Education students pose for a photo with Board of Regents chair Janet King, left, and NMC Tinian Instructional Site program coordinator Maria Aguon, right, after the graduation commencement ceremony on Saipan on May 22. Before arriving on Saipan, a graduation Mass was held at the Tinian San Jose Church. The graduates were also celebrated during a banquet that was held immediately after the graduation mass. Josephine King, one of the Tinian ABE graduating students, was acknowledged for maintaining the highest grade point average. Two other awards were given to Jeffrey Borja and Elizabeth Linan for having the highest points after a mock interview. While a total of 19 students received their diploma, only 15 attended the commencement exercise.

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MICE TRAVELERS
Korean MICE travelers—those traveling for Meetings, Incentives, Conferencing, Exhibitions—continue to arrive in the Northern Mariana Islands in growing numbers in May 2010. Eighty-two Hanwha Life employees toured Saipan in mid-May. Also in May, Lotte DFS Busan, Korea Life, and One Cashing sent groups to the Northern Marianas for a total of nearly 500 MICE travelers from Korea.

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Life & Style

AP

President Barack Obama, right, presents Paul McCartney with the Gershwin Prize for Popular Song in the East Room of the White House in Washington, Wednesday, June 2, 2010.

McCartney sings 'Michelle'—to a famous Michelle

WASHINGTON (AP)—If the first British invasion of the White House ended with the house afire, the latest had Barack and Michelle Obama and their kids rocking out in their seats Wednesday night at a tribute concert for former Beatle Paul McCartney.

The setting was the ornate East Room, chandeliers overhead, George and Martha Washington portraits on the walls and an all-star lineup of performers cranking out some of McCartney's greatest hits.

Stevie Wonder had the Obamas clapping to "We Can Work It Out." The Jonas Brothers did "Baby You Can Drive My Car." Corinne Bailey Rae slowed things down with "Blackbird." And Faith Hill stroked "Long and Winding Road."

It was McCartney himself who brought down the house by belting out "Michelle," aiming his words straight at a first lady named Michelle.

He said he'd been "itching" to perform it at the White House, and asked the president's forgiveness in advance. The first lady was soon mouthing the words along with McCartney and the president was swaying in his seat.

After serenading the first lady with the lyrics "I love you, I love you, I love you," McCartney joked that he just might be the "first guy ever to be punched out by a president."

The whole night was built around Obama's presentation to McCartney of the Gershwin Prize for Popular Song, awarded by the Library of Congress.

McCartney said it was a moment like no other.

"I don't think there could be anything more special than to play here," the Englishman said.

And then he volunteered to make it a regular gig.

"Lunchtimes, we could come around," he offered. "We're cheap."

McCartney, 67, left no question about how he felt about Obama, telling the president that in tough times, "You have billions of us who are rooting for you and we know you are going to come through."

Later, after the TV cameras had left, he expressed appreciation for the Library of Congress and added a zinger: "After the last eight years, it's great to have a president who knows what a library is."

Obama hailed McCartney's songs as a huge part of American culture, telling the singer-songwriter, "That's right, we stole you, Sir Paul."

The Beatles might not have been the first rock group, Obama said, but "they blew the walls down for everyone else."

"They helped to lay the soundtrack for an entire generation," the president said.

McCartney closed out the concert with a string of hits that had the whole audience singing along to "Hey Jude."

By the end, Obama and his family were on stage singing along with the "nah, nah, hey Jude."

Comedian Jerry Seinfeld supplied the concert with its comic relief. He had lots of compliments for McCartney and one complaint—he couldn't quite figure some of McCartney's lyrics.

Such as: "She was just 17. You know what I mean."

Seinfeld: "I'm not sure I do know what you mean, Sir Paul. I think I know what you mean. And I think there's a law enforcement agency in a couple of states that might want to ask you a few questions."

Among others performing were Elvis Costello, Emmylou Harris, Herbie Hancock, White Stripes singer and guitarist Jack White, Lang Lang and Foo Fighters frontman Dave Grohl.

The Gershwin prize is named for the songwriting brothers George and Ira Gershwin, whose collections are housed at the library. Previous recipients of the Gershwin award are Wonder and Paul Simon.

In Loving Memory of

Estefania Charfauros Reyes Pendergrass

Better known as ***"Nia"*** *or* ***"Stefanie"***

Born on July 24, 1924 in Saipan and a long time resident of Lacey, Washington
Was called by her Creator to Eternal Rest on May 10, 2010
At Providence St. Peters Hospital, Olympia, Washington

In Her new life, she now joins:

Father:	†Juan Sablan Delos Reyes
Mother:	†Pilar Muna Charfarous Reyes
Brothers:	†Juan Ch. Reyes, †Ajejandro Ch. Reyes, †Manuel San Nicolas Pangelinan
Sisters:	†Leonarda Ch. Reyes, †Leonarda Ch. Reyes, †Maximina Ch. Reyes, †Maria Ch. Reyes
Parents In-Law:	†Tom Morgan & †Mary Elizabeth Sizemore Pendergrass
Brother in-law:	†Ernest Clifford Pendergrass & †William Thomas Pendergrass
Sister in-law:	†Joaquina Pangelinan Reyes, †Victorina Manglona Pangelinan †Cassie Reynolds, †Alberta Murrel, †Carrie Alice Stegner, †Lillian Halcomb, & †Dessie Pearl Schmidt

Her Loving memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

Husband: Grover Cleveland Pendergrass

Children: ***William Thomas*** & Calista T. Pendergrass (Deseriee Ann & George A. Barcinas,- (TotingEthan Barcinas) Pilar Marie T. Pendergrass, William T. Pendergrass II
Brenda Zina P. & Richard C. Byram: (Richard Byram- (Lendon Byram), Marissa Rodgers - (Aaron Rodgers, Elliot Rodgers, Dane Rodgers & Caden Rodgers), Aaron Byram, Levi Byram & Lisa Byram)
Grover Cleveland Pendergrass Jr. (Brian Magee)
Richard Allen Pendergrass (Richard Pendergrass II)
Evelyn Byram & Christopher Czechowski (Charles Caldwell-(Jonathan, Jasmine, Savannah Byram), Stephanie Mull-(Andrew, Sarah, Chloe Mull)

Brothers:	Marcelino Ch. Reyes, Jesus Ch. Reyes
Sister:	Cecilia Reyes Pangelinan
Sister In-Laws:	Teresa M. Reyes, Alberta Reyes
Brother In-Laws:	Del Pangelinan

She will also live in the hearts of numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, nieces and friends.

A Private Family Viewing was held at Funeral Alternatives, Lacey Washington. On Thursday, May 13, 2010 between 09:00a.m-10:00a.m. Cremation of her body was followed on the same day. A Memorial Christian Mass was held at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Olympia, Washington on Friday, May 14, 2010 at 11:00a.m. Estefania's Urn with her Ashes is flown back to Rota on May 28, 2010 with her son William T. Pendergrass who resides in Ginalagan, Rota for a nightly family rosary being held at 8:00p.m. On Friday, June 4, 2010 her Urn with Ashes will be flown to Saipan, there the final nightly rosary will be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church at 7:00p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 06:00a.m. On June 5, 2010 at Mount Carmel Church and interment will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery to honor her last wishes. May she rest in peace forever with our Lord our Savior.

Thank you for your Condolences & Prayers.

Pendergrass Family

In Loving Memory of our beloved

RITA LUJAN TAKAI CAMACHO

Born on October 09, 1939 and called to Eternal rest on May 30, 2010.

Predeceased by:

Husband:	† Leonardo DLG. Camacho
Son:	† Lawrence Takai Camacho (Leonardo,Leisha)
Daughter:	† Elena Takai Camacho (Soledad,Iyana)
Parents:	† Jose Duenas Takai, †Ana Lujan Takai
Parent in laws:	† Juan Campus, †Soledad DLG. Camacho
Grandparents:	† Pablo Takai / †Ana Duenas Takai
Brothers:	† Luis Lujan Takai & †Jose Lujan Takai
Brother/Sister In-Laws:	† Bobby G. Danford † Larry Flores /† Rosalia C. Flores † Jose DLG. Camacho † Magdalena C. Benavente

Survived by:

Brothers/Sisters and In Laws:
Carlos L. & Trinidad T. Takai
Dolores T. & Gregorio Arriola
Rufina Takai (†Jose)
Pablo L. Takai
Salvador L. & Remedio A. Takai
Dorothea T. Danford (†Bobby)
Matilde L. Takai
Oscar L. & Sinforosa C. Takai
Eleuterio L. & Maria L. Takai
Juan L. & Rosie F. Takai
Ramon L. & Juanita I. Takai

Brothers in laws / Sister in laws / Nieces & Nephews:
Marcelino DLG. & Cecilia T. Camacho / Children
Francisco DLG. & Victoria B. Camacho / Children
Margarita C. Sablan / Children

Children / Grandchildren & Great-grandchildren
Maria C. Arizala (Jerlisa, Jessica & Marco (Clarissa, Izzy), Christopher)
Joanne T. Camacho (Sidney (Leoney, Cody), Steven & Caroline (Javin, Jaeden) Jaclyn, Nathan)
Juan T. & Stephanie A. Camacho (Regina(Jogina) Keoni, Zoranelle)
Joseph T. & Rose G. Camacho (Jocelyn,Lawrence,Ria)
William T. & Valarie S. Camacho (Kaliko,Shanice,Jesse)
Rodney T. & Carmen C. Camacho (Ronnie)

Mass is being offered and followed by the Rosary 6:00pm Saint Jude Church except Saturday June 05, 2010 Mass offered at 6:00am, Rosary at 5:30pm and Sunday June 06, 2010, Mass at 8:00am, Rosary at 6:00pm.

Last respects and viewing will be held at Nuestra Senora Dela Paz (Cabrera Funeral Home) 8:00am to 9:00am on Tuesday June 08, 2010.

Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 10:00am at Kristo Rai Church and funeral services will take place at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Un Dangkulo na Si Yu'us Maase. Thank you for your prayers.

Ginen I Familia

Attorney says Gary Coleman, wife divorced in 2008

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Former child TV actor Gary Coleman and his wife were divorced in 2008, an attorney for the late "Diff'rent Strokes" star said Wednesday, the same day a tape of a 911 call was released that detailed her call for help.

Randy Kester told The Associated Press that Coleman and Shannon Price divorced in August 2008 and Coleman never told him the two had remarried.

"Gary shared a lot of things with me," Kester said. "That's probably something he would have told me."

Coleman died Friday at the age of 42 after suffering a brain hemorrhage. He was taken off life support, but it's not clear who made that decision. Kester said he does not know.

Utah Valley Regional Medical Center spokeswoman Janet Frank told AP that she cannot release any additional information about Coleman's death.

Utah divorce decree documents obtained by AP list only a John Doe and Jane Doe as parties, but the last page lists Price's name and address, saying a copy of the decree was mailed to her. The decree is dated Aug. 12, 2008. The couple wed in August 2007 after meeting on the set of the 2006 comedy "Church Ball."

Kester said he is not aware of a will for Coleman and that the two discussed the need to meet and work on one as recently as four or five weeks ago.

A message left for a representative for Shannon Price was not immediately returned Wednesday.

On the 911 call from May 26, Price can be heard asking a Utah emergency dispatcher to send help for Coleman, who was bleeding from the back of his head and "bubbling at the mouth" after falling at his Santaquin home, about 55 miles south of Salt Lake City.

In the recording, Price refers to Coleman as her husband.

"I just don't want him to die," Price tells the female dispatcher during the nearly six-minute call. "I'm freaking out like really bad."

Price said she's not sure whether Coleman had a seizure or whether he hit his head and fell. She said he had just gotten home and was going downstairs to make some food for her and that she then heard a "big bang."

"Send someone quick because I don't know if he's like gonna be alive cause there's a lot of blood on the floor," Price said.

Coleman is lethargic and Price says she "can't really help him" and can't drive or handle too much stress because she has seizures.

Coleman

"I looked at the back of his head and it's all bloody and gross," Price said. "He's conscious but he's not, like, with it."

Santaquin Police Chief Dennis Hammond has said Coleman had a dialysis treatment that day. It's unclear whether that may have been related to Coleman's fall.

Coleman's short stature of 4-foot-8 stemmed from kidney problems and required at least two transplants earlier in his life and dialysis. Last fall, he had heart surgery complicated by pneumonia, Kester has said. In February, he suffered a seizure on the set of "The Insider."

Coleman was conscious at the hospital that day but slipped into unconsciousness Thursday and was taken off life support Friday with family at his side.

A Santaquin police report released Wednesday largely reflects what Price says in the call. The report says an officer who arrived at the house asked Coleman if he could say what happened.

"He looked at me and stated that he could not remember," the report says.

The officer writes that Coleman had a laceration in the back of his head 1 to 1 1/4 inches long.

"While waiting for medical personnel I could tell that Mr. Coleman was weak," the report says.

AP

Actor Sir Patrick Stewart is knighted by Britain's Queen Elizabeth II during an investiture at Buckingham Palace in London, Wednesday June 2, 2010.

Go boldly to the palace—and arise, Sir Patrick

LONDON (AP)—Patrick Stewart has been upgraded from captain—to knight.

The actor—famous for playing Capt. Jean-Luc Picard on "Star Trek: The Next Generation"—officially became Sir Patrick Stewart when he was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday.

While "Star Trek" introduced him to a different group of fans, Stewart is also a widely respected stage actor.

The 69-year-old actor discovered the theater as a child, and said "my heroes were Sir Laurence Olivier, Sir John Gielgud, Sir Alec Guinness." Being "in that company is the grandest thing that has professionally happened to me."

Stewart joined Britain's storied Royal Shakespeare Company in his 20s, and in 2008 was nominated for a Tony award for the leading role in "Macbeth."

Ted Haggard to start new church in Colo. Springs

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP)—Former megachurch pastor Ted Haggard said Wednesday that he will launch a new church from his Colorado Springs home, 3 1/2 years after he resigned from his ministry amid an embarrassing and devastating sex scandal.

"This is my resurrection day," he declared.

Haggard said his new venture would not be a megachurch like New Life Church, the congregation he founded in 1985 and then left in 2006 after a male prostitute said Haggard paid him for sex.

Haggard said he doesn't know how many people will attend his new church, but he said the ordeal he and his wife, Gayle, went through has prepared them to help others.

"I have an incredible heart for broken people," he said. "I think we're qualified to hold people's hands" in times of trouble.

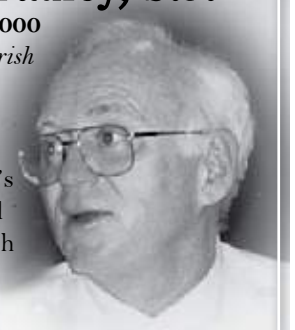
Haggard made his announcement outside his home, a two-story, brick-fronted structure with a large barn, a swimming pool and white-fenced corrals on Colorado Springs' north side, not far from New Life Church. Wearing an open-neck shirt and jeans, Haggard sounded both optimistic and chastened, calling himself a repentant sinner and a broken man who believes he can still help others.

In Memory of

Father Gary J. Bradley, S.J.

October 21, 1946 - June 4, 2000

Former Pastor of Kristo Rai Parish
Vicar General of the
Diocese of Chalan Kanoa



We are reminded of Credenda's doctrines. You tenderly treated the lives you touched as if each would end at midnight.
You sought out those in need.
You taught that those who delivered with one hand would gather with two.
You counseled we should always be of good cheer.
You proved by example that very little is needed to make a happy life. You told us to look up and reach out, to cling to God and journey quietly on our own pathway to eternity with charity and a smile.
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Marmaduke
Friday 4:30 7:25 9:35
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Owen Wilson, George Lopez
Children's, Family • Rated PG
Synopsis: Canine comic strip star Marmaduke leaps to the big screen with this family-friendly comedy starring Owen Wilson as the voice of the Great Dane. Also lending their voices to the 20th Century Fox production are Steve Coogan, pop star Fergie, George Lopez, and the brotherly duo of Damon and Marlon Wayans, with William H. Macy and Judy Greer heading up the human cast.

Splice
Friday 4:15 7:15 9:50
Saturday & Sunday 1:20 4:15 7:15 9:50
Monday 1:20 4:15 7:15
Tues thru Thurs 4:15 7:15
Adrien Brody, Sarah Poley
Science, Fiction • Rated R
Synopsis: Two scientists (Adrien Brody and Sarah Polley) embark on a dangerous journey when they splice human DNA into preexisting genetic-engineered experiments in this sci-fi thriller from director Vincenzo Natali and executive producer Guillermo del Toro (Pan's Labyrinth).

Killers
Friday 4:05 7:20 9:45
Saturday & Sunday 1:30 4:05 7:20 9:45
Monday 1:30 4:05 7:20
Tues thru Thurs 4:05 7:20
Ashton Kutcher, Katherine Heigl
Thriller • Rated PG

Get Him To The Greek
Friday 4:25 7:10 9:55
Saturday & Sunday 1:25 4:25 7:10 9:55
Monday 1:25 4:25 7:10
Tues thru Thurs 4:25 7:10
Jonah Hill, Russell Brand
Comedy, Fantasy • Rated R

The Prince of Persia
Friday 4:20 7:05 9:40
Saturday & Sunday 1:05 4:20 7:05 9:40
Monday 1:05 4:20 7:05
Tues thru Thurs 4:20 7:05
Jake Gyllenhaal, Gemma Arterton
Adventure • Rated PG 13
Synopsis: The setting is sixth century Persia. A nefarious nobleman covets the Sands of Time, a legendary gift from the gods that allows its possessor to turn back time. Whoever owns the Sands of Time has the power to rule the world, and this villainous lord would use that power to enslave all of humanity. The only person capable of defeating this tyrant and saving the world is Dastan a youthful prince.

Sex And The City 2
Friday 4:00 7:00 10:00
Saturday & Sunday 1:00 4:00 7:00 10:00
Monday 1:00 4:00 7:00
Tues thru Thurs 4:00 7:00
Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall
Comedy • Rated PG

Shrek: The Final Chapter
Friday 4:10 7:30 9:30
Saturday & Sunday 1:15 4:10 7:30 9:30
Monday 1:15 4:10 7:30
Tues thru Thurs 4:10 7:30
Mike Myers, Cameron Diaz
Comedy, Fantasy • Rated PG

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Woman fears being watched by ghosts of her loved ones

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR ABBY: I am in my 40s and have never lost anyone close to me. Unfortunately, my darling mother-in-law has terminal cancer. I am now preoccupied that people's spirits are near us after they die.

Please don't laugh, but it gives me the creeps. I don't want to think my mother-in-law will watch me making love with my husband, that my father will watch me in the bathroom, or that my mother will be critical of my spending more time with my kids than cleaning the house as she did.

Am I crazy to think I might not have any privacy after my loved ones die?

SPOOKED IN SPOKANE

DEAR SPOOKED: Calm down. The departed sometimes "visit" those with whom their souls were intertwined, but usually it's to offer strength, solace and reassurance during difficult times. If your mother-in-law's spirit visits you while you're intimate with her son, it will be only to wish you and her son many more years of closeness and happiness in your marriage.

As to your parents, when they travel to the hereafter, I am sure they'll have more pleasant things with which to occupy their time than spying on you. So hold a good thought and quit worrying.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a question regarding gift giving. If you receive a gift of clothing (with a receipt) from someone and the garment doesn't fit, is it your responsibility to exchange it, or should you return it to the gift-giver, explain that it's the wrong size and ask the person to return it?

I gave my sister an outfit that didn't fit her. She immediately gave the gift back and asked me to return it.

LORI IN FOUNTAIN VALLEY, CALIF.

DEAR LORI: It is the recipient's responsibility to return the item. That way she (or he) can be sure the replacement will be the right size, the right color or the right style. To give you your gift back and expect you to take responsibility for it was presumptuous.

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DEAR ABBY: A friend of more than 40 years, "Myra," delivered a letter to my physician outlining her observations of what she claims were "changes" in me. I was called into my doctor's office to respond.

Myra has also told me I should see a psychiatrist. I am disappointed that a friend would say these things about me, and I don't think she should have contacted my doctor without telling me. I have asked others if they have noticed any dramatic changes in me and no one else has.

Myra may have my best interests at heart, but I am upset about this, to say the least. Am I wrong to feel that she has overstepped her boundaries?

PERFECTLY FINE IN OHIO

DEAR PERFECTLY FINE: Your friend must have been extremely concerned about you to have taken the step she did. And I wish you had mentioned in your letter WHY she thinks you should see a psychiatrist. If you have no family nearby with whom she could discuss her concerns, it's possible that she did what she did out of love for you, so please try to forgive her.

P.S. Was what she did out of character for her? If so, consider discussing it with her family—or physician.

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Porn actor sought in fatal attack at LA studio

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Police searched Wednesday for a porn actor suspected of killing one colleague and injuring two others with a sword that was used as a movie prop at a production studio where the suspect had been living.

Steven Hill, 30, attacked his colleagues during a small social gathering late Tuesday at Ultima DVD Inc.'s distribution and production center in Van Nuys, Los Angeles police Detective Joel Price said.

Hill had been told a week earlier to leave the studio by Wednesday.

"There was no indication that things were going to get violent, there was nothing that provoked this attack, but at some point Steven chose to arm himself with what can be best described as a sword," Price said. "He then used that sword against those three victims."

Hill attacked one man near the back on the facility and turned on two others when they tried to intervene, police said. A 30-year-old man who tried to help suffered a stab wound to the torso and died at a hospital. The other two victims were expected to survive.

Hill fled in an SUV with the weapon, one of several swords at the site, Price said.

Hill appeared in some of Ultima's films and had worked on its website, but Price believed the studio severed its business ties with Hill when he was told to leave the production facility.

Hill was currently on probation in connection with an unrelated charge of carrying a concealed weapon, said Price, who had no other details about that case.

The names of the victims were not released. Price said they were not established porn stars.

Eric Jover, who is listed as Ultima's contact on public documents, did not respond to phone and e-mail messages seeking comment.

Hill had lived for several months in a section of the production facility that appeared to double as an adult movie set. A witness to the attack also lived in the building, sleeping in a studio furnished as a bedroom.

Zach Braff to star in off-Broadway comedy 'Trust'

NEW YORK (AP)—Zach Braff will return to the stage this summer in the off-Broadway comedy "Trust," a new play by Paul Weitz that explores the corrosive effect of power in relationships.

Previews begin July 23 at the Second Stage Theatre. "Trust" will open Aug. 12 and run through Sept. 5. The cast also includes Bobby Cannavale, Sutton Foster and Ari Graynor.

Braff's stage experience includes roles in Public Theater productions of "Twelfth Night" and "Macbeth." He also starred in the comedy series "Scrubs."

Cannavale's credits include NBC's "Third Watch" and the upcoming film "Weakness."

Foster starred in Broadway's "Shrek." Graynor is a Second Stage Theatre veteran.

In this April 1, 2010 file photo, actor Zach Braff attends the opening night of the Broadway play "Red" at The Golden Theatre in New York.
AP

Alaska gov backs Palin in fence flap

AP
The fence between former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin's lakeside home, rear, and the home being rented by author Joe McGinniss is seen Thursday, May 27, 2010, in Wasilla, Alaska.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—Alaska Gov. Sean Parnell says he'd like to see more space between Sarah Palin and the man who moved in next door to the former governor while he writes a book about her.

Parnell appeared on Fox Business Network's "Cavuto" on Wednesday and told host Neil Cavuto that he was "disgusted" when he heard about author Joe McGinniss moving in.

Palin, Parnell's predecessor, has extended a fence to 14 feet between the two homes.

Parnell says it's a free country, but there are bounds of decency.

He added that he'd like to see "a whole lot more space between the former governor and somebody who apparently got something else up his sleeve and in mind."

Parnell became governor last July when Palin quit midway through her first term. He faces six challengers in the GOP gubernatorial primary in August.

Iron Chef ready to serve LeBron

CLEVELAND (AP)—One of the Cavaliers' most famous fans is hoping the way to LeBron James' heart is through his stomach.

Cleveland native Michael Symon, one of Food Network's Iron Chefs, has offered to go to James' house once a month and cook a meal for the MVP's family and friends if he re-signs as a free agent with the Cavaliers. Symon posted a letter to James on his Facebook page.

Symon thanked James for all he has done for the city and urged him to follow his heart when making his decision. Symon also pointed out that some legendary athletes—Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, Jim Brown, Bill Russell and Michael Jordan—created their legacies primarily with one team.

Symon said he knows "firsthand" that James is a "class act" and he hopes James stays in Cleveland "so I can watch you finish what you started which is something not many people get to do."

Last season, Symon teamed with the Cavs and opened two eating spots in Quicken Loans Arena.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Actor Simon Pegg testifies in NYC burglary trial

NEW YORK (AP)—British actor Simon Pegg says he lost an iPod and a camera in a New York City hotel burglary, but his habit of safeguarding his wedding ring apparently kept it from being stolen. Pegg testified Wednesday—for the second time—against a man accused of burglarizing a hotel suite being used as an actors' lounge during filming for the comedy "How to Lose Friends & Alienate People." Pegg says he routinely hides his wedding ring while changing into costume. His co-star Kirsten Dunst testified Tuesday that her handbag was stolen. Defendant James Jimenez was convicted last fall of trespassing, but jurors deadlocked on a burglary charge. He's being retried on that count. Jimenez testified Wednesday that he just accompanied another man he thought was allowed to be there.

Comedian visits Oregon sawmill for TV show

CAVE JUNCTION, Ore. (AP)—Dan "Larry the Cable Guy" Whitney has spent a day with the real-life blue collar guys at the Rough and Ready Lumber mill outside Cave Junction, Ore. The Grants Pass Daily Courier reports that the Blue Collar Comedy Crew member brought along a film crew to do an episode for the History Channel show "Only in America with Larry the Cable Guy." Mill co-owner Link Phillippi says Whitney got a taste of logging and mill work one day last week. And Phillippi adds, "Most of the crew enjoys his humor."

Official: Kilmer to address NM county's concerns

LAS VEGAS, N.M. (AP)—Actor Val Kilmer is set to appear before a board of county commissioners in New Mexico to explain derogatory comments he's been quoted as making about the state. San Miguel County Attorney Jesus Lopez says the manager of Kilmer's Pecos River Ranch told officials the "Batman Forever" actor plans to show up on June 23. A 2003 Rolling Stone article quoted Kilmer as saying he lives in the "homicide capital of the Southwest" and that 80 percent "of the people in my county are drunk." Kilmer has denied the statements. Kilmer wants the county to approve a permit allowing him to rent out three guest houses on his ranch. The county's planning and zoning commission approved the request, but the county commission wants him to explain his earlier remarks.

Randy Newman gets Hollywood Walk of Fame star

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Singer and film composer Randy Newman can add a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame to his collection of honors. The songwriter who penned "I Love L.A.," "Sail Away" and the quirky hit "Short People" got the 2,411th star on that famous sidewalk Wednesday. Eric Idle of Monty Python fame and John Lasseter of Pixar and Walt Disney Animation Studios looked on. Newman has two Emmys, five Grammys and a best original song Oscar for "If I Didn't Have You," from 2002's "Monsters, Inc." He's known for his satirical and poignant lyrics and his animated film scores.

Seinfeld directs Quinn's off-Broadway show

NEW YORK (AP)—After creating one of the most successful sitcoms in the history of television, Jerry Seinfeld is adding theatrical director to his resume. The project - a one-man show by former "Saturday Night Live" cast member Colin Quinn entitled, "Colin Quinn Long Story Short." Covering more than 2000 years in 75 minutes, the off-Broadway production is Quinn's hilarious look at the ups and downs of great civilizations gone wrong. Quinn channels comedic personalities of nations past, offering satirical takes on the attitudes, appetites and habits that toppled powerful empires. The show will play at Bleecker Street Theatre for eight weeks. Performances begin June 19.

Kevin Costner, wife welcome third child, a girl

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Kevin Costner and his wife have welcomed their third child, a girl, into the world. Costner's 36-year-old wife, Christine, gave birth to Grace Avery Costner on Wednesday afternoon in Los Angeles. The actor's publicist Arnold Robinson says mother and daughter are doing well. The couple have two other children, 1-year-old Hayes and 3-year-old Cayden. The 55-year-old actor has three grown children from a previous marriage.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

HEY MOM, WANT TO SEE SOMETHING GREAT?
WITH ONE SIP FROM THIS ORDINARY CAN OF SODA, I CAN BURP FOR ALMOST TEN SECONDS STRAIGHT!
CALVIN, I DON'T...
BUT THAT'S NOT ALL! AT THE SAME TIME, I'LL ALSO RECITE A GROSS LIMERICK I LEARNED AT SCHOOL! ...READY?
MAYBE IF YOU RECITED THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS...
FORGET IT. MY TALENTS ARE WASTED ON HER KIND.
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TRYING TO FIGURE LIFE OUT MAKES MY HEAD HURT
TRY HAVING NINE OF THEM TO FIGURE OUT, PAL
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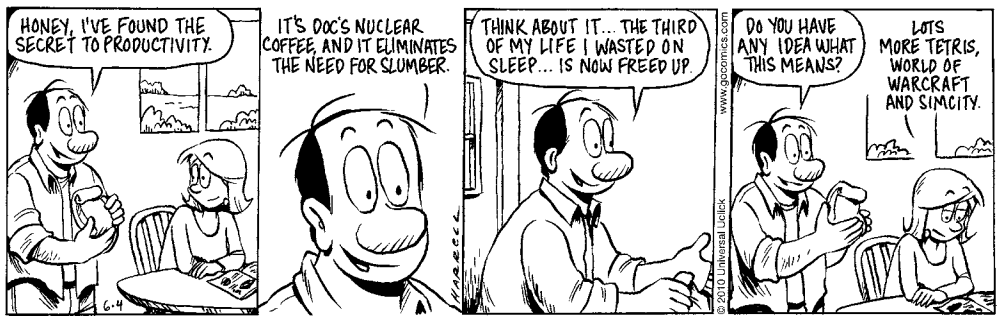
HONEY, I'VE FOUND THE SECRET TO PRODUCTIVITY.
IT'S DOC'S NUCLEAR COFFEE, AND IT ELIMINATES THE NEED FOR SLUMBER.
THINK ABOUT IT... THE THIRD OF MY LIFE I WASTED ON SLEEP... IS NOW FREED UP.
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT THIS MEANS?
LOTS MORE TETRIS, WORLD OF WARCRAFT AND SIMCITY.
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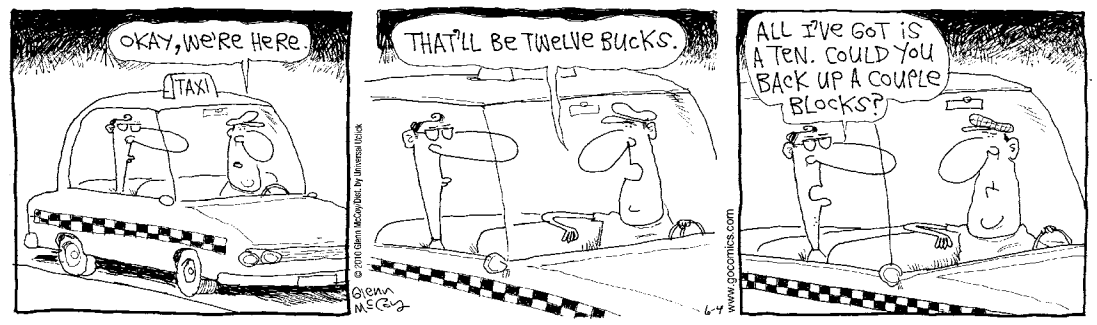
The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy


OKAY, WE'RE HERE.
TAXI
THAT'LL BE TWELVE BUCKS.
ALL I'VE GOT IS A TEN. COULD YOU BACK UP A COUPLE BLOCKS?
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CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Humor
4 Con game
8 Wound cover
12 Stick in the water?
13 Big name in jazz
14 All that remained in Pandora's box
15 Sweaters and such
17 Stratagem
18 Restaurant employee
19 Venomous snake
20 Tier
22 Whirl
24 Erstwhile Peruvian
25 Deck
29 Army rank (Abbr.)
30 "— of Two Cities"
31 To and —
32 Automatic, as a reaction
34 Somewhere out there
35 Crooner Jerry
36 Humdinger
37 Take it easy
40 Note to coworkers
41 Saharan
42 Hiker's burden
46 Swampy area
47 Multinational coin
48 Payable
49 Gets a glimpse of
50 Help illegally
51 Sun Yat- —

DOWN
1 Moo goo gai pan
2 Author Fleming
3 Kiddie transport
4 Waste line?
5 Staff leader
6 Carte lead-in
7 Scratch
8 Get smaller
9 Masterstroke
10 Church section
11 Milwaukee product
16 Mother of Helios
19 Moral failing
20 Taste a lollipop
21 In due time
22 Trap
23 11th President
25 Record label in TV ads
26 Empties a truck
27 Caspian Sea feeder
28 British conservative
30 Trojan War hero
33 Ducks
34 Intends
36 Station
37 St. Louis team
38 Pennsylvania port
39 Old Italian bread
40 Paddock parent
42 Mauna —
43 Gist
44 Prompt
45 Barbie's companion

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 6-4

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Happy Birthday: Don't let your emotions lead the way or you will make mistakes. Greater focus on home and family will ensure that you protect what you have. Problems at work may lead you in the wrong direction. Put your time and cash into something that will benefit you, not people you don't know. Do whatever you can to cut costs at home. Your numbers are 7, 13, 18, 24, 38, 42, 44

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Discussing what you feel or want to do with someone who is judgmental will not help you reach your goals or destination. Instead, plan a fun-filled day with people you find inspiring. You will avoid having your dreams disrupted. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Challenge yourself by doing something out of the ordinary in order to ease stress and avoid an argument. Your accomplishment will help you recognize your potential. Romance is in the stars. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Don't let your emotions lead you down the wrong path. You may like to help others but don't allow anyone to take advantage of your generosity and kindness. A serious talk with someone you care about will break down an emotional brick wall. ✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Love and romance are looking very positive and, with a little effort, you can make someone you care for very happy and appreciative. A decision you make now will influence how you spend your time. ✪✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): You will attract a lot of attention with your engaging stories. Be prepared to answer questions that pertain to your truthfulness. It's important that you are honest regarding your position, intentions and game plan if you want to succeed. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): You can make sense and clear up a financial problem if you talk to someone who is overspending and, in so doing, jeopardizing your relationship. Your discipline and ability to work with precision will help you gain ground against the competition. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Pending legal, financial and health issues can be resolved if you take the initiative. Don't sit around procrastinating or neglecting your obligations. Take care of your responsibilities early so you can enjoy the later part of your day. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): You'll have some great ideas and the ability to express your vision and attract interest. A short trip or a visit to an inspiring destination will change your perspective. Readdress the same people and you will end up with a tempting proposal. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Proceed with caution. You don't want to send the wrong signal or raise questions that might lead to unwanted change in your personal life. Uncertainty will prevail. Resolve whatever matters have been left undone in order to maintain your position. ✪✪

CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Rethink some of your old plans and goals.

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You will come up with a fresh new idea that is timely and has the potential to turn into an auspicious endeavor. Money can be made through business deals, investments or a renewal of an old partnership. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Don't let your emotional sensitivity regarding what you should or shouldn't do cause you to veer off in the wrong direction. The support you need is available if you are willing to compromise. Be honest about what you want and need. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Less talk and more listening will pay off. Being misinterpreted is likely. If you do want to make some changes to your current lifestyle, do so without making a fuss. You will avoid opposition and gossip. Love is apparent. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are open-minded, imaginative and impulsive. You have strong beliefs and leadership qualities. You are charming, popular and curious.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 6/04

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 6/03

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

PORTABLE THINGS **Solution: 6 letters**

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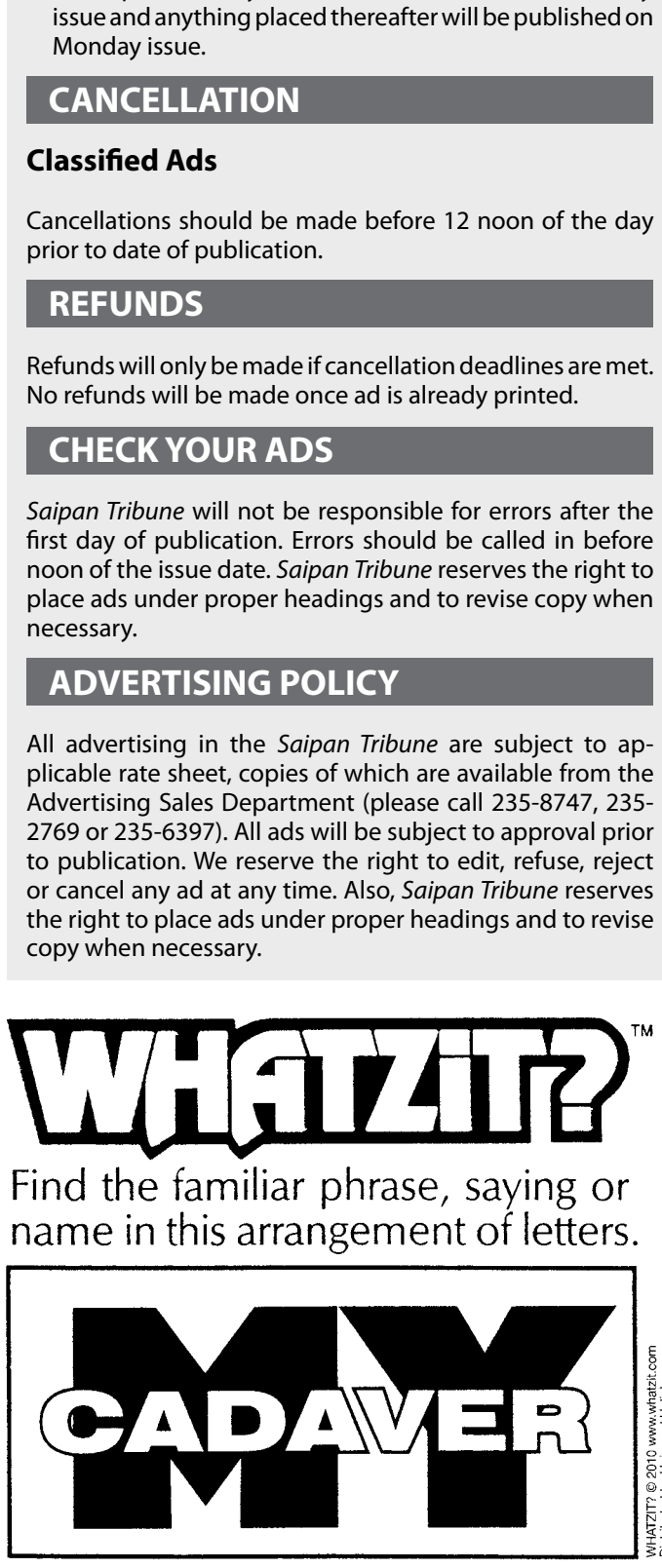
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ANNOUNCEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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/s/ **MARCIE M. TOMOKANE**
Chairwoman of the Board

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

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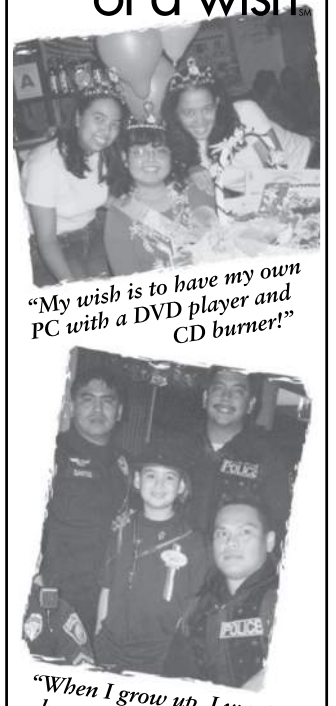

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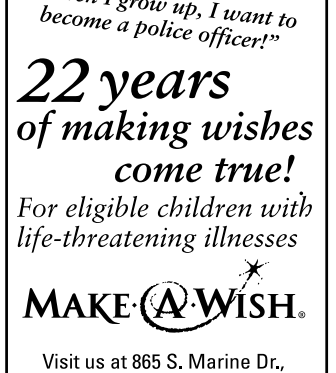

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EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT NO.:10-052
OPENING DATE: 6/4/2010
CLOSING DATE: 6/18/2010

This announcement is for the purpose of developing an Open, Competitive, and Promotional Eligible list. It is the policy of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Office of the Public Auditor that the personnel system shall be applied and administered according to the principle of equal opportunity for all citizens and nationals as defined by the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Constitution regardless of age, race, sex, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, handicap or place of origin.

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LOCATION: **Office of the Public Auditor (OPA), Saipan**

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university preferred (minimum graduation from a high school or equivalency degree); and Graduate of a Federal, State, or local law enforcement academy, and be certified on either a Federal or a State level as a law enforcement officer; and at least two years of investigative experience as a serving law enforcement officer with either a Federal, State or local law enforcement agency. Background checks will be performed. Applicant must have no criminal convictions.

CONDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

This position is **"EXEMPT"** under 4 CMC §9223 from the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and is not eligible for overtime or compensatory time.

Also, pursuant to 1 CMC §2305, no OPA employee may actively engage in any other business, profession, or governmental office.

CONTACT PERSON: For more information, contact Mr. Juan Santos, OPA Chief Investigator or Joe Przyuski, OPA Legal Counsel at telephone number (670) 322-3937/3938/3939, fax number (670) 322-7812, or via email at mail@opacnmi.com.

NOTE TO APPLICANT:

Applicants must be citizens of the United States and have a valid United States passport prior to being hired. Also, applicants must be willing to travel as part of their duties to countries such as the Philippines, Japan, Hong Kong, etc.

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INTERESTED PERSONS SHOULD SEND THEIR CURRENT APPLICATION FORMS TO:

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Saipan, MP 96950	Rota, MP 96951	Tinian, MP 96952

JOB LINE IS AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY. PLEASE CALL 233-1606.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION TO BID
CUC-ITB-10-035

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is inviting interested individuals or firms to bid on Surveyed Transformers & Regulator Carcasses (Scrap). Interested bidders must bid on all items as specified and must be one bid only. Multiple bids are not allowed.

The bid forms and the list of surveyed transformers & regulator carcasses are available at the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room 4, Third Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan.

One (1) original and five (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-ITB-10-035, Surveyed Transformers & Regulator Carcasses" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 A.M. (CHST) local time, June 29, 2010,** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

The prospective bidder must sign a Waiver of Liability, removing CUC's liability from any claim resulting from violations relating to the removal and disposal of the surveyed property. CUC shall transfer and assign the surveyed property to the prospective bidder in a ***"As is, Where is"*** condition. By accepting this transfer and assignment, the bidder acknowledges that CUC has made no representation or warranties of the merchantability, quality, fitness, and condition of the properties.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects in the said bids, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in the best interest of CUC.

All inquiries shall be submitted in writing to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Procurement & Supply Manager, via email msablan@cucgov.net, Mr. Robert Malate, Power Division Engineer via email rmalate@cucgov.net and Mr. John Mafnas, Warehouse Manager via email jcm@cucgov.net.

/s/ ABE UTU MALAE
Assistant Executive Director for Operations

/s/ ANTONIO S. MUNA
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
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REFURBISHMENT OF THE HOT FIRE TRAINING FACILITIES AT THE
SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-011-09

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting Design & Build (D&B) Construction bids from qualified and experienced contractors of simulator aircraft fire training facilities and associated support infrastructure, for the refurbishment of the Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Hot Fire Training Facility at the Saipan International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All parties bidding for the D&B Project shall have wide experience in the design, manufacturing, and installation and commissioning of all facets of specialist fixed-based Simulated Aircraft Fire Training facilities and the fuel and control systems associated with those facilities. Support facilities consisting of access pavements, water supply and waste treatment, specialist burn building for structural fires, control building structure, full related amenities, and storage facilities will form part of the total bid package. The Contractor shall comply with all CNMI building, environmental and other appropriate compliance regulations impacting on the development and execution of the project.

This Refurbishment Project is a fast track project for which the bidders will have only one (1) calendar month to acquire the bid documents, prepare and submit bids. There will be no extensions of time for the submission of bids under any circumstances.

Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, on or before **2:00 PM, MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2010,** at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **10:00 AM, Monday, June 14, 2010,** to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will be followed by the pre-bid conference. All prospective bidders shall be required to attend. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference.

A CD-Rom containing the bid package and contract documents may be obtained on Friday, May 28, 2010 at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon payment of **TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS ($250.00)** for each CD-Rom. This payment is non-refundable. Payment shall be made by company check, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Full details of the bidding requirements will be set out in the bid documents.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by a CPA approved surety or a U.S. Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. If a bid bond is submitted, it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC). The successful contractor will also be required to provide performance and payment bonds in accordance with the bid package and contract documents.

The contract period for construction in its entirety shall be **Twenty-Four (24) calendar months.** Liquidated damages of $2,500.00 shall be assessed the contractor for each calendar day the completion of the project is delayed beyond the contract completion date without excuse.

The Project is being financed by funds from the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

All mechanics and laborers on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section 70-27 of the bid package.

Each bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause", a "Certification of Non-segregated Facilities", and the "Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation", as contained in the bid package, with the submission of the Bid Proposal.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or misenter the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

The proposed contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions. All labor on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rates established by CNMI Law or Federal Law, whichever is higher. The Contractor shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the bid package which is available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A contractor having 50 or more employees and any subcontractor having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a contract of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00) or more will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the specifications. To be eligible for award, each bidder must comply with the affirmative action requirements.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award of any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.

Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women shall not diminish the standards or requirements for employment of minorities.

The proposed contract is under and subject to the foreign trade restrictions required by 49 CFR Part 30, Denial of Public Works Contracts to Supplier of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors.

The Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 provides that preference be given to steel and manufactured products produced in the United States when funds are expended pursuant to a grant issued under the Airport Improvement Program.

Each bidder must supply all information required by the bid package documents.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ EDWARD M. DELEON GUERRERO
Executive Director

Date: May 17, 2010

Serena exits French Open with loss to Stosur

PARIS (AP)—Serena Williams is usually the one who saves match points, not wastes them.

Who seizes control of an exchange, not cedes it.

Who turns up her game at Grand Slam time.

Except at the French Open, the lone major tournament she's won only once and where she's now gone seven years without even reaching the semifinals.

The No. 1-ranked Williams dropped 17 consecutive points during one stretch, climbed all the way back to within a point of victory, then faded late and lost to No. 7 Samantha Stosur of Australia 6-2, 6-7 (2), 8-6 on Wednesday in the Roland Garros quarterfinals.

"Had I played better for two minutes, maybe the result could have been different. But it didn't work out," said Williams, who missed a forehand by an inch or so when she held a match point at 5-4 in the final set. "Just wasn't playing well today. Last year, I choked. I guess it's a redundant story with me."

The upset was Stosur's second in a row—she eliminated four-time champion Justine Henin in the fourth round—and came a day after men's No. 1 and defending champion Roger Federer was stunned by Robin Soderling.

"It's not over yet," said Stosur, a tour-best 19-2 on clay this season and a 2009 French Open semifinalist. "I want to definitely try and keep going."

In keeping with the run of surprises at this wide-open French Open, No. 22 Jurgen Melzer of Austria came back to beat No. 3 Novak Djokovic 3-6, 2-6, 6-2, 7-6 (3), 6-4 in the last men's quarterfinal. Melzer, at 29 the oldest man left, never before won a match after losing the first two sets—and never made it beyond the third round at any Grand Slam tournament in 31 previous tries.

His reward? A semifinal Friday against four-time champion Rafael Nadal, who eliminated No. 19 Nicolas Almagro 7-6 (2), 7-6 (3), 6-4. Nadal, who lost to Soderling in last year's fourth round, extended his current winning streak on clay to 20 matches.

AP

Australia's Samantha Stosur reacts after defeating USA's Serena Williams during a quarter final match for the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Wednesday, June 2, 2010.

In one women's semifinal Thursday, Stosur will play No. 4 Jelena Jankovic, who got past unseeded Yaroslava Shvedova of Kazakhstan 7-5, 6-4. No. 5 Elena Dementieva will face No. 17 Francesca Schiavone in the other.

For the first time at any Grand Slam tournament since the 1979 Australian Open, none of the four female semifinalists owns a major title. Williams has 12, with five at the Australian Open—including this year—and three apiece at the U.S. Open and Wimbledon. The one at the French Open came in 2002, and she was a semifinalist in Paris the following year, but not since.

"Maybe she was trying to get over that hump," said Williams' mother, Oracene Price. "That might have been on her mind."

Williams never hid her frustrations against Stosur, who wore her usual white baseball cap and red-rimmed wraparound shades as the sun finally returned after several days of clouds and rain.

Williams admonished herself aloud, sometimes muttering, sometimes screaming. She shook her head and put a hand on her hip. She crouched and rolled her eyes.

Her own serve was a friend—accumulating 13 aces—and a foe—yielding nine double-faults. The rest of Williams' strokes were a mixed bag, too: She finished with more winners than Stosur, 39-30, and nearly twice as many unforced errors, 46-24.

"I definitely was nowhere near my best today," Williams said, then added: "But she played really well."

About an hour after that loss, Williams went back on court to team with her older sister Venus and reach the women's doubles final by beating Liezel Huber and Anabel Medina Garrigues 2-6, 6-2, 6-4. That victory means Serena Williams will top the WTA rankings in singles and doubles as of next week.

The younger Williams isn't accustomed to getting pushed around on a court, but that's exactly what Stosur managed to do, commanding points with deep groundstrokes lathered with spin.

"I didn't want to let her try and dictate the points early on, so I tried to do that straight back to her," said Stosur, who recently switched to the same sort of synthetic racket strings Nadal uses. "You can't give her much."

Remarkably, starting from the match's sixth game, Stosur claimed 17 points in a row—including three games at love—to win the opening set and move ahead in the second. Official statistics aren't kept on those sorts of things, but it's hard to imagine Williams going through a drought quite like that, particularly on such an important stage.

"Knew it wasn't over," Stosur said. "Serena can turn things around very quickly."

At 5-3 in the second set, Stosur served for the match. She was two points away at 30-all, but put a running forehand into the net, then stumbled and fell to the rust-colored clay on the next point, allowing Williams to make an easy putaway for the service break.

"I didn't know if I was going to get another chance," said Stosur, who has 22 doubles titles and two in singles.

She entered the day 1-3 against Williams, including a loss on a hard court in Sydney, Australia, in 2009, when Stosur let four match points slip away. There's no shame in that against Williams, though: She's made a habit of great escapes, saving match points en route to three of her Grand Slam championships.

Lakers, Celtics chase history with multiple titles

LOS ANGELES (AP)—When Kobe Bryant joined the Lakers and Paul Pierce landed with the Celtics in the late 1990s, they both learned most of what they needed to know about their franchises' histories and expectations simply by looking at the forests of fabric high above the court.

These teams only hang banners for championships, and they're usually in big groups.

Multiple titles are the only metric of success, the only validation still interesting to Bryant and Pierce. Bryant is trying to accomplish the rarest of NBA feats for the second time in his career, while Pierce's Celtics get their first chance when the NBA finals begin Thursday night at Staples Center.

"It's going to mean everything for my career, because a lot of guys have won one, and not many have won a couple," Pierce said Wednesday before Boston practiced at Staples Center.

Pro basketball's most successful franchises are together in the NBA finals for the second time in three years and the 12th time overall. These teams will have won 33 of the league's 64 titles when they finish a potentially fascinating series with plenty of modern subplots.

"We're always focused on winning a championship," Bryant said. "And when you do it, you want to do it again and again."

Bryant is enjoying a dynamic postseason despite hobbling through injuries during a third straight finals run by his remarkably steady Lakers, who are 8-0 at home in the playoffs and haven't even trailed in a series.

Boston's swift rise from a 50-win regular season as a No. 4 seed has been even more surprising, with Rajon Rondo making a quantum leap into stardom during what might be the last stand for Boston's Big Three of Pierce, Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen.

But on the biggest scoreboard of all, the one these players claim they seldom check, it's Celtics 17, Lakers 15. Don't expect fans in either basketball-crazy city to forget that score when their team takes it all again.

And just in case the Staples Center fans didn't have enough reason to go crazy in Game 1, Pierce threw out the first volley against his own hometown.

"Our fans are, I want to say, a little bit more knowledgeable to the game," said Pierce, a Lakers fan growing up in Inglewood. "I think a lot of celebrities come here to get out of the house (rather) than to watch a game—to see the other celebrities. It's an interesting crowd, whereas I think our fans really come to watch the actual game."

L.A. should be fully focused on this historic matchup, however. Most players on both teams already have jewelry after Boston beat Los Angeles in six games in 2008, and the Lakers routed Orlando last season. But just one ring isn't enough now—not for the veterans who appreciate the rare opportunity to go for two.

"If you look at the great players in Celtic history, the great teams, they've all won a couple of championships at least," said Pierce, who dumped his baseball dreams for basketball mostly because of this rivalry's irresistible pull in the 1980s. "I want to be mentioned up there with the great Celtics of all time, cement my name in history with the group by winning more than one championship. ... To win another one, and to come close to it, is pretty impressive."

Celtics coach Doc Rivers subtly emphasized this point all season at Boston's training complex with a blank banner hanging above their practice court, right next to the 2008 banner. Rivers claimed it was put there by the late Red Auerbach, whose coaching record for NBA titles was broken by Lakers coach Phil Jackson last year.

Jackson wasn't quite so explicit in his gym, although the banner for a 16th title would fit neatly in a spot on the east wall.

"It's very rare that you have this occasion when a team has won a championship, another team (went) off and won a championship, and now you have the renewal of the rivalry," Jackson said. "It's a special thing. I mentioned that to the players, that it's a special thing for us—not so much about the (Bill) Russell era, or the (Dave) Cowens era, or the (Larry) Bird and Magic era."

Only nine NBA teams have won more than one title, and just five franchises besides the Lakers and Celtics repeated as champions within the same half-decade, further winnowing the ranks in which this season's champions will find themselves after the series.

Allen got a perspective on the achievement from no less an authority than Michael Jordan during a conversation last week.

"He told me, 'The first one you win, you're lucky,'" Allen said with a grin. "I didn't win six, so I don't know what it feels like to be able to do it that many times. ... It adds to your (legacy) to be able to be here and say that you won multiple times. It's not just some fluke where you gave it all for one moment. To be able to get back to it multiple times, it definitely shows your commitment."

Bryant chooses to deal with history's ghosts and the future's possibilities by utterly ignoring them, at least in public. Yet with the bulk of his 30s still in front of him, there's little doubt Bryant grasps what a fifth title would mean—the same number won by Magic Johnson, and just one fewer than Jordan, to whom Bryant was recently equated by NBA commissioner David Stern.

"I only think about this one matchup," Bryant said. "The happy times of Magic winning against Boston, or the sad times of Jerry West losing to them, has no impact on me whatsoever. I have a series to play. I have a series to win. I'll just focus on that."

Bryant is in his seventh NBA finals, winning his first three and then losing twice. He was the 2008 regular-season MVP, yet Pierce outplayed him in that meeting, winning the finals MVP award.

Bryant responded by propelling the Lakers to last season's title, and his current playoff run has been even more impressive—29.4 points, 6.2 assists and 5.1 rebounds per game despite having his knee drained during the first round.

"I don't think there's any doubt that this is one of the great playoff performances," Jackson said. "This year particularly stands out simply due to a lot of speculation at the end of the season, and how he's really recovered and led this basketball team during this playoff. This is an outstanding performance up to this point."

Botched call costs pitcher perfect game

DETROIT (AP) — A botched umpiring call with two outs in the ninth inning cost Detroit pitcher Armando Galarraga a perfect game Wednesday as the Tigers beat the Cleveland Indians 3-0.

Detroit first baseman Miguel Cabrera fielded Jason Donald's grounder and threw to Galarraga covering the bag. The ball was there in time, and all of Comerica Park was ready to celebrate one of baseball's rarest feats, until umpire Jim Joyce emphatically signaled safe.

Replays showed Donald was out, and the veteran umpire later tearfully apologized to Galarraga for robbing him of a perfect game.

Cleveland starter Fausto Carmona (4-4) gave up nine hits.

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Detroit Tigers pitcher Armando Galarraga (58) looks at first base umpire Jim Joyce (partially obscured) who called Cleveland Indians' Jason Donald safe in the ninth inning of a baseball game in Detroit, Wednesday, June 2, 2010.

Rays 7, Blue Jays 3

In Toronto, David Price became the American League's first eight-game winner, guiding Tampa Bay to victory over Toronto.

Price (8-2), who has won six of his past seven decisions, allowed no earned runs in eight innings, walking none.

Red Sox 6, Athletics 4

In Boston, David Ortiz hit a two-run homer to help Boston rally for the second straight game, beating Oakland.

One night after scoring nine straight runs to overcome a 4-0 deficit, the Red Sox spotted the A's three runs in the top of the first and then scored the next six. Kevin Youkilis had a two-run single in the first inning, then Ortiz made it 4-3 in the fifth with a drive down the right-field line.

Mariners 2, Twins 1, 10 innings

In Seattle, Ryan Langerhans scored from second base on an infield single by Ichiro Suzuki with two outs in the bottom of the 10th as Seattle won its first extra-inning game of the season, edging Minnesota.

Just hours after Ken Griffey Jr. announced his sudden retirement, another contender for greatest ever Mariner came through.

Rangers 9, White Sox 5

In Chicago, Matt Treanor homered and drove in a career-high four runs as Texas defeated Chicago.

Treanor capped a three-run first with a two-run double, and led off the third with a homer. He was also robbed in the sixth when White Sox right fielder Carlos Quentin raced back for a lunging catch on his sacrifice fly.

Angels 7, Royals 2

In Kansas City, Torii Hunter homered and drove in three runs to help Los Angeles down Kansas City.

Hunter had a two-run single off Kyle Davies (4-4) in the first inning and added his eighth homer in the seventh. Bobby Abreu hit his 500th career double and the Angels had 14 hits to beat Kansas City for the 11th time in 13 games over two seasons.

Yankees 9, Orioles 1

In New York, Nick Swisher and Curtis Granderson hit two-run doubles in the second inning as New York handed Baltimore its seventh straight loss.

Robinson Cano hit a two-run homer in the seventh and ran his hitting streak to 16 games for New York, which had 14 hits. Catcher Jorge Posada returned to the lineup after sitting out since May 16 with a broken bone in his right foot.

Cardinals 4, Reds 1

In St. Louis, St. Louis pitcher Chris Carpenter beat Cincinnati for the eighth straight start, steering the Cardinals to a win over the Reds, tying the teams for top place in the National League Central division.

Carpenter (7-1) has a 1.09 ERA during the eight-game winning streak that dates to 2006.

Braves 2, Phillies 1

In Atlanta, Omar Infante, replacing the injured Chipper Jones, lined a two-out, run-scoring single in the eighth inning to give Atlanta victory over Philadelphia and its eighth straight win.

The Braves finished off a three-game sweep of the defending NL champions and increased their lead in the East division to 2Ω games.

Padres 5, Mets 1, 11 innings

In San Diego, Adrian Gonzalez hit a grand slam in the 11th inning to lift San Diego over New York.

It was the third career grand slam and second career game-winning home run for the All-Star first baseman, coming off Raul Valdes (2-2).

Giants 4, Rockies 1

In San Francisco, Aaron Rowand hit a go-ahead two-run double in the fifth inning to help San Francisco down Colorado.

The Giants again backed starter Matt Cain (4-4) with enough offense to avoid a sweep. In his previous start, he pitched a one-hitter.

Dodgers 1, Diamondbacks 0, 14 innings

In Los Angeles, Garret Anderson hit an RBI single with two outs in the 14th inning as Los Angeles handed Arizona its 10th straight loss.

A day after the Dodgers won 1-0 on Matt Kemp's home run in the 10th, Los Angeles won another pitchers' duel. Kemp led off the 14th with a single and then scored on Anderson's hit.

Brewers 7, Marlins 4

In Miami, Milwaukee pitcher Yovani Gallardo hit his second homer of the season and won his sixth straight decision as the Brewers defeated Florida.

Gallardo (6-2) gave up two runs in seven innings. He hit a solo homer in the seventh inning —the sixth of his career — to help halt the Brewers' three-game skid.

Astros 5, Nationals 1

In Houston, Carlos Lee hit a two-run homer to lift Houston over Washington.

Lee hit his sixth homer of the season off John Lannan (2-3) in the third. Lannan allowed eight hits in 6 1-3 innings.

Houston's Wandy Rodriguez (3-7) snapped his three-game losing streak, pitching out of bases loaded jams in the fourth and fifth innings. He struck out a season-high eight over five innings.

PIC vs Selection in Shirley's caging

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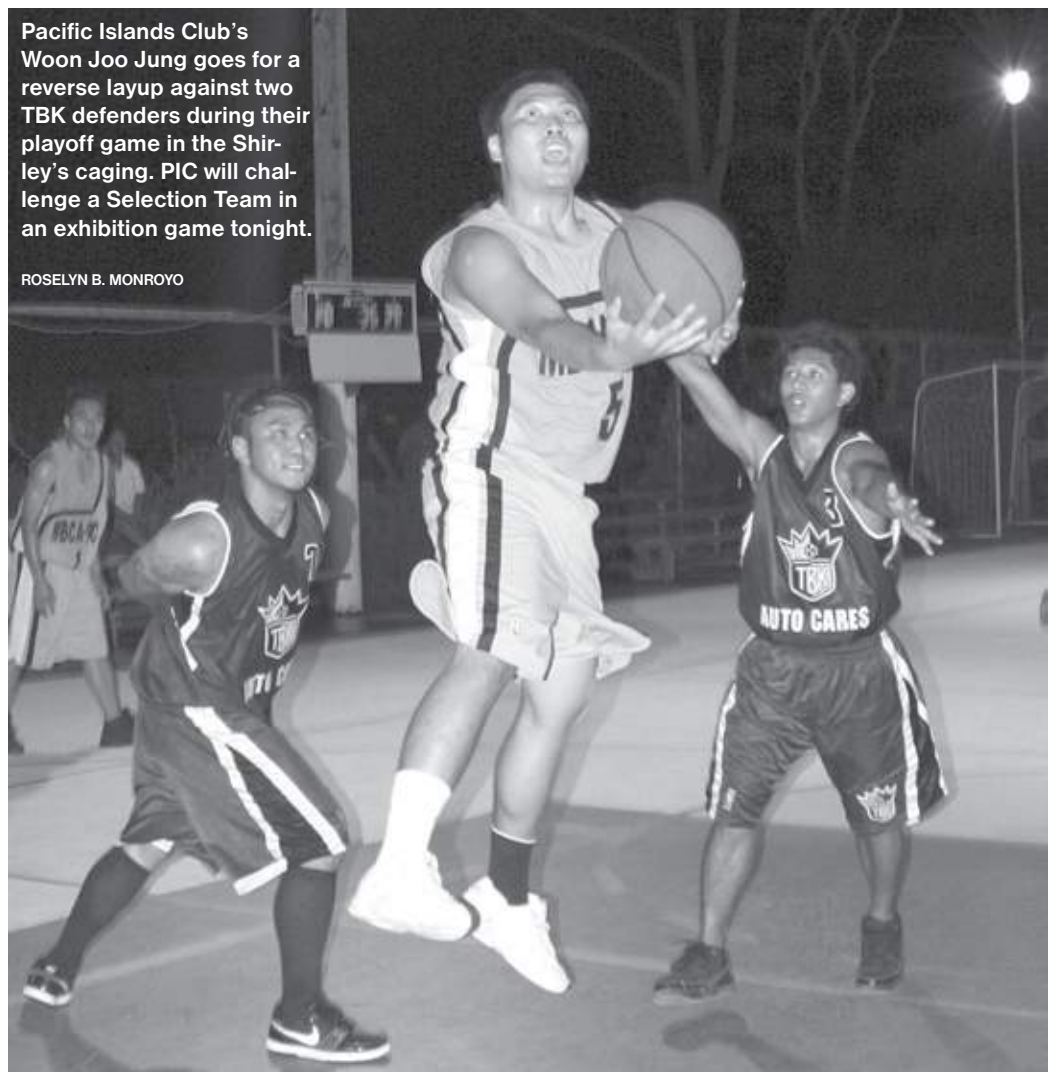
Pacific Islands Club's Woon Joo Jung goes for a reverse layup against two TBK defenders during their playoff game in the Shirley's caging. PIC will challenge a Selection Team in an exhibition game tonight.

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The 2nd Annual Shirley's Coffee Shop Invitational Basketball League will conclude the season with an exhibition game tonight at the JP Center Basketball Court.

Newly crowned champion Pacific Islands Club will challenge in an exhibition match at 6:30pm the Selection Team to be handled by Mobil coach Marvin Deocares.

Playing for the Selection Team are Shirley's Junar Guiab, TBK Auto Care's Jun Pantaleon and Kae Bernardo, AON Insurance's Rodney Catalla and Bon Tamayo, Mobil's Jun Estolas and Gyles Ruluked, Fiesta Resort & Spa's Elmer Esdrelon, and Pepsi's Alex Lauron and Jojo Garon.

PIC will be bannered by Darwin Barbo, who powered the San Antonio team to a 2-1win over Aqua Resort Club in their best-of-three title series. PIC won Games 1 and 3, 87-84, 85-68. Aqua Resort prevailed in Game 2, 71-65.

Joining Barbo on the team are Rex Yabut, James Abuy, Heartim Williams, Butch Sublemente, Woon Joo Jung, Kevin Barbo, John Dacanay, Rommel Bartolo, Romy Baterina, John Pepiro, Jay Danipog, and Rey Babauta.

After the exhibition match, Shirley's will award the top individual and team performers in the 2010 season of the league.

PIC will be awarded with the championship trophy, runner-up to Aqua Resort, third place to 2009 champion Micronesian Brokers, Inc., and fourth place to World Resort/ Advance X-Terminators.

Shirley's is also giving away individual trophies to players who dominate the assist, rebound, free throw, blocks, steals, and three-point categories. Organizers will hand MVP trophies, too to the most valuable player in the regular season and finals.

The 2010 edition of the Shirley's caging drew 15 teams; MBI, World Resort, Fiesta, Mobil, Aqua Resort, TBK, Bank of Guam, McGraw-Hill, Shirley's, AON, PIC, Pepsi, Docomo/Saipan Grand Hotel, Hard Rock, and Cell Pro.

Teams played in a round-robin regular season with the Top 12 squads advancing to the playoffs. The Top 4 finishers gained automatic quarterfinals seats. In the semifinals, PIC defeated World Resort, 98-79, while Aqua Resort prevailed in the other semis pairing, 102-92.

Pacman fan saves Lakers

BOXING

LOS ANGELES—There's a piece of the Philippines hanging amid the expensive designer suits inside the Los Angeles Lakers dugout at the Staples Center.

The item: A multicolored Manny Pacquiao jacket. The owner: Lakers forward Ron Artest, a self-confessed Pacquiao fan, who turned out to be the hero in Los Angeles' 103-101 victory over the Phoenix Suns Thursday night that gave the defending champions a 3-2 lead in their Western Conference finals best-of-seven series.

"Yeah, I keep that in there, Manny Pacquiao is my idol," Artest told the Inquirer. "He's a warrior and I like the jacket."

Artest, a tough-playing forward signed by the Lakers during the off-season, isn't the only NBA player who has become enamored with Pacquiao's ring prowess.

Members of the Boston Celtics, including All-Stars Kevin Garnett, Ray Allen and Paul Pierce, watched Pacquiao knock out David Diaz in June 2008 and celebrated with the Filipino ring warrior in Las Vegas after winning the NBA title.

Artest though just doesn't want to take sides when it comes to comparing Pacquiao and unbeaten American Floyd Mayweather Jr.

"I'm a big fan of Mayweather, too. I even know him more than Manny Pacquiao, but I also like Pacquiao. He goes in hard. He's an inspiration," he added.

Criticized for taking an ill-advised triple in the previous possession, Artest, signed as a free agent during the off-season, became the savior when he followed up Kobe Bryant's airball to beat the buzzer, sending a sellout crowd of 19,000-strong crowd into delirium.

The shot capped a roller-coaster ride for the Lakers, who saw their 18-point third quarter dissipate because of the Suns' torrid outside shooting. Suns' Jason Richardson banked in a triple from 27 feet with 3.5 seconds left to tie the game at 101.

Lakers coach Phil Jackson even questioned himself for keeping Artest in the game for the final possession. It turned out to be a wise decision.

"I don't know why I left him in the game. I actually questioned it myself when I put him out there on the floor and there he was," Jackson said of Artest, whom he has criticized for his shot selection. "He has an uncanny knack of doing things and sometimes it just works out."

Artest had earlier prompted a collective "No" from the crowd when he decided to throw a triple that missed with a fresh shot clock with less than a minute left. Artest insisted he didn't hear anything.

"You just try to focus on the game and we [were] up by three. I was hoping to go up by six at that point," said Artest, who was 1-of-8 before the game-winning shot.

Led by the shooting of Steve Nash, the Suns battled back from a 17-point deficit in the second quarter and erased a 74-56 hole they fell into with 3:44 left in the third.

Bryant wound up with 30 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists for the Lakers. Nash led the Suns with 29 points and 11 assists. ***(PDI)***

JONES

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with the D-9ers' Eric Tenorio, each hit one homer during the season.

With 12 RBIs on the year, Aughenbaugh also was awarded the Most RBIs trophy.

Aside from the individual awards, team awards were also presented during Tuesday night after the conclusion of the championship between the Falcons and Ol'Aces.

Falcons went home with the championship trophy, while the Fielders settled for the runner-up honors for the second time in a row.

With a 9-3 win-loss card, the Ol'Aces were awarded the pennant championship trophy. This is in addition to the third place trophy, which the team won after beating the D-9ers, 18-15, in the May 27 consolation game.

The Fielders, with an 8-4 record, took home the runner-up pennant championship trophy.

NEW

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softball into the most popular sport played on Saipan.

The Pohnpei softball folks took it to a new level with a men's and women's Memorial Day tournament on Capitol Hill by hanging pictures of fallen soldiers around the field and naming teams in their honor.

The daily use coupled with a severe drought has worn Capitol Hill to red dust. All playing fields are scorched brown these days. Except one. Oleai field is now verdant, an oasis in a tropical desert, thanks to the soccer folks prepping for the Marianas Cup soccer showdown June 19 between Saipan and Guam.

That is bigger than the Lakers vs. Celtics showdown. Sort of. A soccer field is larger than a basketball court.

I may watch Game 1 today in bed. Laziness? Narcissism? No, I have excruciating back pain. How? Doing yard work? Jogging? Swimming? No. I sneezed while turning in bed. Ouch.

For the record, Sammy Sosa went on the disabled list once for throwing out his back after a sneeze. His though could have been a steroid powered super sneeze. Mine was a regular achoo.

It's extremely difficult for me at this time to walk or stand, two requirements for my job. Wondering if I could qualify for social security disability, I looked up the eligibility rules and discovered that the agency defines 55 as advanced age. Ouch. No mention of miles traveled through space.

DO-OR-DIE

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42-35, midway in the third, before a 10-0 run brought Green Team back into the game.

Bon-Faiyah tried to pull away again in the fourth behind Camacho and Bennett's buckets, but Green Team wouldn't just give in until crucial misses in the homestretch decided the match.

Bon-Faiyah 63 – Camacho 21, Bennett 14, Lebria 10, Diaz 9, Benavente 6.

Green Team 62 – M. Matson 19, Mobel 11, E. Matson 10, C. Engelhardt 8, Tacliad 7, A. Engelhardt.

Scoring by quarters: 16-16, 35-33, 45-48, 63-62.

SHUTOUT

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domination of K. Seniors.

K. Seniors absorbed its second loss in nine games and dropped from second to third place.

K. Juniors 5, Young Guns 0

In the battle of youth teams, K. Juniors blanked the Young Guns, 5-0.

K. Juniors logged all its goals in the second half with Woo Hyun Woo drilling two (50th and 70th minute), while Seol Chang Hwan, Song Jin Ho, and Kim Min Woo chipped in one apiece.

K. Juniors gained only its third win in 10 games, recording two of them against the Young Guns, who are still winless after 10 matches.

Inter Godfather's 7, Tan Holdings 0

In the last game of the day, Inter Godfather's clobbered Tan Holdings, 7-0.

Inter Godfather's found the back of the net twice in the first half and added five more goals in the second to move up from third to second place in the team standings with its—7-1-3 win-draw-loss record.

Chris Nelson had a hat-trick for Inter Godfather's, making his first goal in the 34th minute and then scoring the first goal in the second half when he hit another one in the 48th minute. Nelson's third goal came in the 64th minute.

Kevin Cruz and Arkie Reusora added two goals apiece. Cruz put Inter Godfather's in the scoreboard in the 30th minute, while Reusora had his first goal in the 50th. Four minutes later, Cruz tallied his second goal, while Reusora gave Inter its seventh and last goal after scoring in the 67th minute.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	36	18	.667	—
New York	33	20	.623	2 1/2
Boston	31	23	.574	5
Toronto	31	24	.564	5 1/2
Baltimore	15	38	.283	20 1/2

Central Division

Minnesota	31	22	.585	—
Detroit	27	25	.519	3 1/2
Chicago	22	30	.423	8 1/2
Kansas City	22	32	.407	9 1/2
Cleveland	19	32	.373	11

West Division

Texas	28	24	.538	—
Oakland	28	26	.519	1
Los Angeles	27	28	.491	2 1/2
Seattle	21	31	.404	7

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	31	22	.585	—
Philadelphia	28	24	.538	2 1/2
Florida	27	27	.500	4 1/2
New York	27	27	.500	4 1/2
Washington	26	28	.481	5 1/2

Central Division

Cincinnati	31	23	.574	—
St. Louis	31	23	.574	—
Chicago	24	29	.453	6 1/2
Milwaukee	22	31	.415	8 1/2
Pittsburgh	22	31	.415	8 1/2
Houston	19	34	.358	11 1/2

West Division

San Diego	32	21	.604	—
Los Angeles	31	22	.585	1
San Francisco	28	24	.538	3 1/2
Colorado	28	25	.528	4
Arizona	20	34	.370	12 1/2

Yesterday's Games

Atlanta 2, Philadelphia 1
L.A. Dodgers 1, Arizona 0, 14 innings
San Diego 5, N.Y. Mets 1, 11 innings
Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, ppd., rain
Milwaukee 7, Florida 4
Houston 5, Washington 1
St. Louis 4, Cincinnati 1
San Francisco 4, Colorado 1
N.Y. Yankees 9, Baltimore 1
Detroit 3, Cleveland 0
Tampa Bay 7, Toronto 3
Boston 6, Oakland 4
L.A. Angels 7, Kansas City 2
Texas 9, Chicago White Sox 5
Seattle 2, Minnesota 1, 10 innings

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BANMI begs off from FIBA invite, focuses on Micro Games

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Basketball Association of Northern Mariana Islands doesn't want to be considered as first alternate team for the 2010 FIBA Oceania Youth Tournament and instead will focus its resources on the 7th Micronesian Games and local and regional age-group and developmental competitions.

This was BANMI's response to FIBA Oceania's letter, which stated that eight teams were already selected to play in the youth tournament in New Caledonia this year. The letter added in the event team or teams pull out for the Sept. 30 to Oct. 7 tournament, the CNMI through BANMI will be considered the first alternate squad.

BANMI did not hide its disappointment over the non-inclusion of the CNMI on the eight-team list, adding the association was surprised that squads that made last-minute withdrawals from the 2009 FIBA Oceania Basketball Tournament on Saipan were still accepted for the New Caledonia event. BANMI was talking of Tahiti and Fiji, which missed the FIBA caging, but will go to the New Caledonia tournament this year to compete against Guam, Vanuatu, Australia, American Samoa, and the host.

FIBA Oceania secretary general Steve Smith explained to BANMI that there were specific criteria for the selection of teams to the youth caging and these had nothing to do with what happened in the tournament on Saipan.

After hearing FIBA Oceania's explanation, the BANMI board met to discuss the "alternate" consideration and decided to beg off from the invitation.

"We understood that the decision was made in accordance with the selection criteria, and it is now too late to take issue with the criteria," BANMI secretary general Michael White said in an e-mail to Smith.

Jayvan Tarkong, seen here going for a layup during a local tournament, played for the CNMI Junior Nationals, who competed in the 2008 FIBA Oceania Youth Tournament in Guam. This year, CNMI was only considered as alternate team in OYT.

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"In any event, the board met to consider our options. As you pointed out, the selected teams have until Aug. 31 to meet their obligations. We simply cannot ask our players to get ready and raise funds for participation in a tournament when we won't know until eight weeks out whether we are going to be allowed to participate. An additional obstacle is the timing of the tournament, which occurs when our schools are in session. It would be difficult for our athletes to make arrangements to be absent from school under the best of circumstances, but nearly impossible on such short notice. So with great regret, we advise you that we have decided that we do not wish to be considered as first alternate for the OYT," White added.

Smith respected BANMI's decision, saying he understood and sympathized with the association's disappointment.

"FIBA Oceania was disappointed to be advised of the decision. Still vivid in our memory was the incident in 2009 when teams withdrew from the FIBA Oceania tournament on Saipan and we had no teams with which to replace them. BANMI has advanced some valid reasons for their decision and we have accepted the advice provided and refunded them their team participation bond," Smith said.

UBA youth caging starts June 7

The 2010 United Basketball Association Summer Youth League will start this coming Monday, June 7, at Garapan Basketball Court.

Game days are scheduled for Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, with Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays set aside for make-up games.

There will be two games per night with the first game starting at 6pm and the second at 7:30pm.

All games will have two 20-minute halves and, like last year, the entrance fee per team is still $325 with a maximum of 12 players per team roster.

The teams that were present at the meeting, showing interest in the 18-and-under division are: Sonics of coach Jesse Tudela; Rollers of coach Joe Diaz; Sparks of coach Zachary Babauta; Celtics of coach Tim Wesley; Kagman 123 of coach Tala; Boys Ayuyu of coach Ryan Lisua; PTC of coach Jun Concepcion; and Hi-5 of coach Eric Atalig.

So far the Sixers, the Sonics, and the Rollers are the three documented teams in the 15-and-under division.

On opening day, the Sonics are scheduled to play the Rollers at 6pm in the 15-and-under division, followed by a 7:30pm matchup between Kagman 123 and the Sixers in the 18-and-under division. All games will be played at the Garapan Basketball Court on Beach Road.

For more information, contact James Lee at 989-UBA1 (8221) or e-mail unifiedbasketballassociation@gmail.com. ***(Walter Sutherland)***

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Bumble Bee's Angelo Salas, center, is sandwiched by two Kagman defenders during a UBA youth league last year. UBA will host another youth caging starting on Monday at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Run for Ron 3 draws 65 participants

Support poured in for Run for Ron 3, as 65 runners participated in the fundraiser held recently.

Leading the winners of the 5K run were Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel and Maricel Mahilum, who topped the men's and women's division races, respectively. Kabiriel timed in at 18 minutes and 31 seconds, 16 seconds ahead of runner-up Michael Mancao. Completing the Top 3 was Gary Bandoja, who submitted 19:04.

In the women' divisions, only seconds also separated Mahilum and second placer Ji San. Mahilum clocked in at 28:26 against Ji San's 28:56. Andrea Loste came in third with a time of 44:43.

The race started at 6:30am at the Amphitheater at the American Memorial Park then runners headed to the pathway of the pavilion at the back of the Hyatt Regency all the way to the old Puerto Rico dump side and back to AMP for the finish.

The Top 3 placers in the men's and women's divisions received prizes from event donors.

Meanwhile, Ronald Villafria, who organized the race, thanked all participants of the 5K run and its sponsors; Grillin' Salon de Manila, Michelob, IT&E, Maeda Pacific, Hard Rock Cafe, Topnotch, Island Apparel, Micronesian Brokers, Inc., LBT Appraisal, Pacific Islands Club, Traders Insurance, E Center, Inckromax, Cellular Pro, GEC Pawnshop, Tripple J, Saipan Grand Hotel, Aqua Resort Club, Godfather's Bar, Philippine National Bank, Brabu, Saipan Cyclers, Bike Pro, and DFS Galleria.

Funds earned from the 5K run will help finance Villafria's off-island competitions, including the Mt. Fuji Marathon in Japan next month and the 2010 Micronesian Games in Palau. Villafria qualified in the 5,000m run in the Micro Games this August. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

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Participants in the Run for Ron 3 pose for a group photo at the finish line of the 5K race at the American Memorial Park.

Big prizes at stake in HANMI Charity Golf Classic

Big prizes on and off the course await this Saturday's participants of the 9th Annual HANMI Charity Golf Classic Tournament at Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

First place winners of all six flights will receive $500, a trophy, and a hotel night stay at a HANMI-member hotel. Second place finishers will receive $300 and a trophy; and third place winners will receive $200 and a trophy.

Hole-in-one prizes include $15,000 from Shell Marianas, $25,000 from Bank of Guam, a Mazda 3i from Triple J Motors, and $25,000 by HANMI, Traders Insurance, and Star Water.

Raffle prizes at the event awards banquet include airline tickets to Asia and the United States; hotel night stays in Japan, Guam, and HANMI-member hotels; golf passes, and numerous others.

Early bird tournament fee, including green fee and the awards banquet, is $95 for payments by June 3 and $110 beginning June 4. This year's tournament will be open to the first 144 paid registrants, and forms are available Laolao Bay Golf Resort, Coral Ocean Point, Hyatt Regency Saipan, and Marianas Country Club. Registration on tournament day starts at 6am, and the tournament begins at 7am.

The tournament features six categories—Championship Flight, A Flight, B Flight, C Flight, Seniors (55 years-and-over), and Ladies.

Players in the Championship Flight must have 0-5 handicaps, while those in A Flight are 6-10 handicappers. The B Flight is for players with 11-17 handicap, while C Flight are for players with handicap above 17. Winners for the female golfers will be determined using the Double Peoria handicap system.For an additional $20, players may also compete for nearest to the pin, most accurate drive, and longest drive.

A portion of the proceeds will go the Victims Assistance Fund for victims of the November 2009 shooting incident in Saipan.

"We're very grateful to all our sponsors for joining with HANMI to make this a great event for golfers," said HANMI vice chairman B.K. Park. "We're looking forward to a great day of golf and a rewarding event for both our participants and our beneficiaries."

The awards ceremony will be held at Fiesta Resort and Spa at 6pm.

Previously, HANMI has supported Crimestoppers, PAWS, the Chinatown skatepark, Department of Public Safety Bike Patrol Program, Saipan Marathon, and other community causes with the proceeds of the tournament. ***(HANMI)***

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Do-or-die game in women's league tonight

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Green Team blew away several chances to clinch the championship in the 2010 Marianas Variety Women's Basketball League, allowing Bon-Faiyah to escape with a 63-62 win in Game 1 of their title showdown last Wednesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Game 2 will be played tonight at 6:30pm. Green Team earned a twice-to-beat advantage in the finals, as it swept its first two games in the double-elimination playoffs.

With Bon-Faiyah ahead by a hair, 63-62, 8.4 seconds to go in the game, Green Team had three opportunities to grab the lead. First was when Vanessa Mobel was left open at the right wing after Melody Matson drew Bon-Faiyah defenders on her and then quickly fed Mobel, who went for a banked shot, but overshot her mark.

Two Green Team players battled for the rebound with Riza Tacliad winning over teammate Andrea Engelhardt. Tacliad put up a basket, but her banked shot also failed. For the third time, Green Team had a chance to take the lead and the win when Mobel took the offensive board. She went up for a shot, but was blocked by Dion Diaz.

Bon-Faiyah then managed to pull off a scary win as time expired with players still scrambling for the loose ball.

Connie Camacho top-scored for Bon-Faiyah with 21 points, but left the game due to five fouls with her team holding a precarious lead, 60-63, 38 seconds to go in the fourth quarter.

Camacho's last foul sent Melody Matson to the stripe and the latter canned two pressure-packed free throws to move Green Team within one, 62-63.

Green Team then gave up three fouls in the ensuing plays to buy time. After committing its fourth foul, Green Team went with honest defense and with the clock reading at 18 seconds, Bon-Faiyah could have just hung on to the ball. However, Yvonne Bennett lost focus and went up for a short jumper near the foul line and missed badly.

With Bennett's shot hitting nothing but air, Green Team was rewarded possession and sued for time to set up for its last play with less than nine seconds left in the match.

When game resumed, Emily Matson went for a midcourt inbound from the left sideline. She then gave the leather to sister Melody, who attracted two Bon-Faiyah defenders, saw Mobel alone at the right wing, and passed the ball.

Mobel seemed surprised to find herself free for what could have been a game-winning shot and fortunately for Bon-Faiyah, the former CNMI Women's National Team member muffed the crucial attempt.

Green Team missing three chances to wrap up the season that allowed Bon-Faiyah to force a do-or-die game tonight.

The Green Team-Bon-Faiyah title tiff was a see-saw battle all throughout the game with neither team leading by more than eight points. Bon-Faiyah enjoyed its biggest lead at seven,

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Bon-Faiyah's Connie Camacho is hounded by three Green Team defenders during Game 1 of their title showdown in the women's caging last Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Jones, Iguel win MVP honors

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Falcons pitcher Josh Jones won the Finals MVP, while Ol'Aces speedster Juan Iguel took home the regular season most valuable player honor during the awards ceremony of the 2010 Saipan Little League Big Division Tuesday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Iguel

Jones

Jones was hailed MVP of the championship after he dominated the Falcons from the mound in the championship game, 3-2, played earlier Tuesday night.

With 71 strikeouts in the regular season, Jones was also crowned the 2010 Big League Strikeout King.

Iguel, for his part, had a marvelous regular season for the pennant champions, finishing as the most decorated player of the 2010 Big League season.

He won the Most Runs award after crossing the plate a total of 21 times. Iguel also won the Earned Run Average award with his perfect 0.00 ERA on the year. To top it all, he bagged the Doubles Champion trophy with a league-leading six doubles.

The Fielders' Ben Flores, meanwhile, was crowned the 2010 Batting Champ with a 0.486 batting average for the season and his teammate, Jonathon Celis, hit a league-leading five triples on the year to win the Triples Champion honors.

Three Homerun Kings were crowned in 2010 as the Ol'Aces' Eli Aughenbaugh and Noki Saralu, along

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Shutout wins in Week 13 of men's league

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Wins came in handy for three teams in Week 13 of the 2010 NMIFA Men's Invitational Football League despite the change of playing venue from the Oleai Sports Complex Field in Susupe to the CPA Field in the airport road.

In the first game, league-leading MP United remained unbeaten after shutting out K. Seniors, 4-0.

The victory was eighth in nine games for MP United, which kept its distance against second-running Inter Godfather's, as the former has earned 25 points over the latter's 22.

David Xiang had an early goal for MP United in the first minute of the first half. The score remained 1-0 at the break, until Joe Miller made two goals in the second half (47th and 73rd) and Nick Swaim hit one in the 55th minute to complete MP United's

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Chris Nelson plays for Inter Godfather's and had a hat-trick in the team's 7-0 win over Tan Holdings FC in Week 13 of the men's league.

New wrinkles

This week I celebrate, or should I say rue, another completed trip around the Sun. That means I have traveled about 5,437,288,915 miles in space. Wish I got One Pass for that.

By comparison my travels on Earth have been minuscule. But they have been sufficient enough for me to ponder the imponderable and solve the great mysteries of life, even if I don't know where LeBron James will end up.

Suffice it to say LeBron will enjoy success wherever he decides to go. Part of the equation, I'm sure, will be his teammates. Anyone who has played team sports appreciates the quality of teammates and understands how those friendships enhance the quality of life for a long time.

I lost another teammate. Former softball slugger Tom Saures passed away recently at the age of 61. I remember him more for his constant cheerful disposition than the home runs he deposited across Beach Road into the Townhouse parking lot during Mt. Carmel's heyday. He was part of the generation that turned slowpitch

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OFF THE BENCH

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